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Dr. Malcolm S. Adiseshiah and his wife Elizabeth founded the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) in 1971 with the following objectives :

- To undertake studies and research pertaining to development problems with special reference to the agro-rural aspects of Tamil Nadu and the problems of the economically and socially backward sections of the population throughout the country.
- To conduct seminars and conferences on development problems and programmes of Tamil Nadu.
- To foster inter-university cooperation among the social scientists of the Universities of the four southern states.
- To promote interdisciplinary research, and bring out publications relating to the above three functions.

In 1977, MIDS was reconstituted as a national institute jointly sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi and the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The research concerns of the faculty are wide ranging from the concerns of development economics such as agriculture, rural development, industry, urbanisation and labour, to emerging interdisciplinary areas such as gender, environment, human development, social and political movements, and social criticism.

Through its seminars and workshops, MIDS has become a centre for critical thinking on development issues, particularly relating to Tamil Nadu. The service of faculty members is increasingly sought by State and Central Government departments, autonomous agencies, Universities and Colleges, Non-Government and International organisations.

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Faculty Members and Areas of Research

Anandakrishnan M, Chairperson	• Higher Education; Technical Education; Information Technology; Civil Engineering; Popularisation of Science & Technology
Janakarajan S, Professor & Officiating Director (w.e.f. February 2008)	• Rural development; water and environment; agrarian structure; markets and institution.
Jayaraj D, Professor	• Agricultural marketing; rural labour market; poverty studies and gender studies.
Nagaraj K, Professor	• Rural development and urbanization and demography.
Padmini Swaminathan, Professor & Director (upto January 2008)	• Political economy in general; special focus on industrial and labour economics; and gender studies.
Radhakrishnan P, Professor	• Peasant struggles, land reforms; social change; social policy; rural sociology; sociology of education; backward classes and reservations; protective discrimination; affirmative action; social inequality; inequality and preferential treatment; communalism; casteism; corruption and governance; democracy, polity and governance; religion, secularism and fundamentalism; multiculturalism, social mobilization, social mobility; social movements, social/caste discriminations; communal/caste clashes and social harmony, electoral politics; vote-bank politics, and caste/communal politics.
Subramanian S, Professor	• Social choice theory; poverty and inequality; development economics.
Venkatachalapathy A R, Professor	• Social history; cultural history and intellectual history.
Ajit Menon, Associate Professor	• The political economy of natural resource use and environmental policy; decentralization and state-civil society dynamics; environmental history and agrarian transformation.
Anandhi S, Associate Professor	• Gender; caste and identity politics.
Ananta K Giri, Associate Professor	• Social movements and social transformation; social theory, criticism and creativity.
Chandrasekara Naidu V, Associate Professor	• Agricultural transformation and poverty; village studies and decentralization of administration.

Venkatachalam L, Associate Professor	• Environmental economics; ecological economics, behavioural economics and institutional economics
Ganesh Prasad G S, Assistant Professor	• Decentralisation; rural development and natural resource management with special emphasis on water management.
Karen Coelho, Assistant Professor	• Urban anthropology, state reforms and urban Water management.
Kripa Ananthpur, Assistant Professor	• Civil society and governance; local institutions; local governance; farmers' movements; and women's political participation in local governance.
Lakshmanan C, Assistant Professor	• Political theory and culture; political economy; Dravidian politics; subordinated social groups/ movement; governance and film studies.
Moana Bhagabati, Assistant Professor	• International political economy; regional trade co-operation; World Trade Organization related issues.
Sivasubramaniyan K, Assistant Professor	• Agriculture; water management; irrigation; irrigation institutions; rural development; village studies; coastal environment management; pollution problems.
Vijayabaskar M, Assistant Professor	• Industrial organisation; labour markets and their articulation with technological change and product market dynamics.

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Books

Title	Author and Affiliation
2008	
Oru Nagaramum Oru Gramamum : Kongup paguthiyil samuga mattrangal	S. Neelakantan Former Director, MIDS
2007	
Dravida Chandru: Ellisum Dravida Mozhigalum	Thomas R. Trautmann University of Michigan
2003	
Avala Nilaiyil Thamizhaga Aarugal	S. Janakarajan, MIDS

Malcolm Adiseshiah Memorial Series

Title	Author and Affiliation
MALCOLM ADISESHIAH MEMORIAL LECTURES	
2006	
Dalit Studies as Pedagogical Practice: Claiming more than just a 'Little Place' in the Academia	Sharmila Rege Professor, Department of Sociology University of Pune
2005	
Cultural Politics of Environment and Development: The Indian Experience	Amita Baviskar Associate Professor Department of Sociology University of Delhi
2004	
Whither the Indian Village?: Culture and Agriculture in "Rural" India	Dipankar Gupta Professor, CSSS JNU, Delhi
2003	
State, Households and Markets in Education	Jandhyala B G Tilak Professor, NIEPA, New Delhi
2002	
Gender Inequalities: Neglected Dimensions and Hidden Facets	Bina Agarwal Professor, IEG, Delhi
FOUNDER'S DAY LECTURES	
2008	
Growth of a Wasteland	Amit Bhaduri Professor Emeritus, JNU, Delhi
2006	
Development as a Human Right or as Political Largesse? Does it make any difference?	Upendra Baxi Professor of Law University of Warwick, UK
2004	
Globalization: Its Portents for Indian Culture	U. R. Anantha Murthy Jnanpith Award Winner

Working Papers

WP No.	Title	Author
2008		
204	The Manifesto and the Modern Self: Reading the Autobiography of Muthulakshmi Reddy	S. Anandhi
203	Beyond Colonialism: Towards A New Environmental History of India	M. Arivalagan
202	Pain, Politics and Persistence: The Power of Powerlessness	Rajakishor Mahana
201	Adapting Capability Approach to Understand the Life Experiences of the Poor	Ann George
2007		
200	Exploring the Importance of Excess Female Mortality and Discrimination in 'Natality' in Explaining the 'Lowness' of the Sex Ratio in India	D. Jayaraj
199	Welfare Pluralism: A Post Modern Rationale in Policy Making	K. Jayashree
198	Making it Relevant: Mapping the Meaning of Women's Studies in Tamilnadu	S. Anandhi Padmini Swaminathan
2006		
197	Understanding the Struggle for Panchama Land	C. Jerome Samraj
196	Urban Water Conflicts in Indian Cities: Man-made Scarcity as a Critical Factor	S. Janakarajan Marie Llorente Marie-Hélène Zérah
2005		
195	Drought, Agriculture, and Rural Livelihood: A Case Study of Bolangir District, Orissa	Mahendra Nayak
194	Farm Level Land and Water Productivity in Tank Irrigation: Some Methodological Issues	K. Sivasubramaniyan and R. Sakthivadivel
193	Water Governance: A Historical Understanding of Mahanadi River Basin, Orissa	Sushanta Kumar Mahapatra

192	Creative Social Research: Rethinking Theories and Methods and the Calling of an Ontological Epistemology of Participation	Ananta Kumar Giri

2004

191	Microfinance - the Silver Bullet for Empowerment: Some Questions	K. Kalpana
190	GATT, WTO and Rules on Regional Integration	Moana Bhagabati
189	The Shifting Trajectories in Microfinance Discourse: A critical reading of the Anti-Poverty Dimensions of Microfinance programmes	K. Kalpana
188	Facilitating India's Trading Environment: An Overview	Nirmal Sengupta and Moana Bhagabati
187	Interfaces in Local Governance - A Study in Karnataka	Kripa Ananthpur
186	The Trauma of 'Wage Employment' and the 'Burden of Work' for Women in India: Evidences and Experiences	Padmini Swaminathan
185	Delegation to Devolution: West Bengal	Manabi Majumdar and Indrashis Banerjee
184	Delegation to Devolution: Karnataka	V. K. Natraj and Kripa Ananthpur
183	Efficiency of Water Use in Indian Agriculture	A.Vaidyanathan with K.Sivasubramaniyan

2003

182	A Gossipmonger's Revisit to Chettipalayam	S. Neelakantan
181	Intellectual Property Rights for Traditional Knowledge – Economic Analysis of an Incentive System	K. Aparna Bhagirathy
180	Does better Health Influence Economic Performance in India? An Exploratory Analysis at the District Level	Atheendar S. Venkataramani
179	Conditions and Characteristics of Well Irrigation under Palar Basin, Tamilnadu	A. Vaidyanathan, K. Sivasubramaiyan and S. Mariasusai
178	Knowledge and Human Liberation: Jurgen Habermas, Sri Aurobindo and Beyond	Ananta Kumar Giri

2002

177	A school for the subject: The vision and experiments of integral education	Ananta Kumar Giri
176	Spiritual cultivation for a secular society	Ananta Kumar Giri
175	Soiled Agriculture and spoiled environment: Socio-economic impact of groundwater pollution in Tamilnadu	S. Janakarajan
174	Are wells a potential threat to farmers' well-being? The case of deteriorating groundwater irrigation in Tamilnadu	S. Janakarajan and Marcus Moench
173	Alapakkam A Resurvey	K. Sivasubramaniyan
172	Water Markets, Commodity Chains and the Value of Water	Marcus Moench and S.Janakarajan
171	State in perplexity: The politics of water rights and system turnover in Tamil Nadu	A. Rajagopal and S. Janakarajan
170	Decentralisation reforms and public schools: A human development perspective	Manabi Majumdar
169	Some Observations on Food Security, Sufficiency and Safety	V. Chandrasekara Naidu
168	Labour – Intensive Industries But Units Without 'Workers': Where Will ILO's Social Dialogue Begin?	Padmini Swaminathan
167	Print Culture amongst Tamils and Tamil Muslims in Southeast Asia, c.1860-1960	S.M.A.K. Fakhri
166	A Study of Enathimelpakkam Village at the Millennium Threshold	V. Chandrasekara Naidu

2001

165	Rule of law and Indian society: Colonial encounters, post-colonial experiments and beyond	Ananta Kumar Giri
164	Valued added Tax Preparation: Structure and Administration	Parthasarathi Shome
163	Trends in the costs of irrigation across different states in India: The case of major and medium projects	A. Rajagopal and A.Vaidyanathan

Themes in Social Sector Research: The S. Guhan Memorial Series

(a) Discussion Papers

No.	Title	Author
2007		
10	Factors Contributing to the Declining Trend in Sex-Differentials in Mortality in India: An Exploratory Analysis	D. Jayaraj
2004		
9	Horizontal and Vertical Inequality: Some Inter Connections and Indicators	D. Jayaraj and S. Subramanian
2002		
8	Measuring Literacy: Some Extensions of the Basu-Foster Framework	S. Subramanian
7	Assessing the 'Agedness' of a Population (Discussion Papers 6 & 7 published as one volume)	D. Jayaraj and S. Subramanian
6	Comparing the Age Structures of Populations	D. Jayaraj and S. Subramanian
2001		
5	The Sex Ratio at Birth and its Determinants: An Exploratory Analysis	D. Jayaraj
2000		
4	The Educational Challenge before the 'Knowledge Economy': Implications for Planning and Financing	Manabi Majumdar
3	Poverty Measurement and the Repugnant Conclusion	S. Subramanian
2	Development as Freedom: Taking Economics Beyond Commodities - The Cautious Boldness of Amartya Sen	Des Gasper
1	Group Affiliation, Externality, and the Measurement of Poverty	D. Jayaraj and S. Subramanian

(b) Monographs

No.	Title	Author
2007		
7	Trade Facilitation and WTO: An Indian Perspective	Moana Bhagabati and Rachna G Ganatra
6	Modernity and Status Autonomy: Reflections on A Survey of Two Tamil Villages	Frank Heidemann
2006		
5	Socio-Economic Factors Underlying Growth of Silk-Weaving in the Arni Region - A Preliminary Study	D. Jayaraj and K. Nagaraj
4	Delegation to Devolution: A Comparative Study	V. K. Natraj, Manabi Majumdar, Kripa Ananthpur, G. S. Ganesh Prasad and Indrashis Banerjee
2004		
3	Water Management and Agriculture in the Palar and the Parambikulam Aliyar Systems in Tamilnadu	A. Vaidyanathan and S. Janakarajan
2000		
2	Aspects of Global Deprivation and Disparity: A Child's Guide to Some Simple-Minded Arithmetic	S. Subramanian
1	Fertility Decline in Tamil Nadu: Social Capillarity in Action?	K. Nagaraj

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Ph.D Programme

The Ph.D programme has been one of the most important academic activities of the institute. The Ph.D programme of the institute which got its new lease of life during the tenure of Prof. Padmini Swaminathan, has been ably supported by the Ph.D Coordination Committee. During the year 2007-08, after the course work, the students have been requested to submit a term paper based on the lectures delivered by the faculty. This has been somewhat rewarding since this process contributes to some kind of evaluation of the students capacity to absorb the course contents.

The Ph.D fellowships are offered by three agencies: (a) ICSSR, (b) RBI and (c) Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust. Of the three, only the ICSSR offers four fellowships every year. The other two agencies support two fellowships each at any given part of the time. However, the institute continues to fund the fourth year's fellowship of the students with the support of the Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust subject to the successful fulfillment of the evaluation process.

The academic component of the Ph.D programme is administered by the Ph.D Committee (the practice which came into effect during the last quarter of 2006). Currently the Ph.D Committee is headed by Dr. S. Anandhi. The Ph.D Committee has been responsible for the following activities concerning this programme:

Selection of the Ph.D Candidates

Selection of the Ph.D candidates is through a rigorous screening and selection process. During the year 2007-2008, the committee was involved in processing the Ph.D applications (short listing candidates for ICSSR, RBI and M& EA fellowships) and in devising guidelines for the selection process which consisted of written test and an interview. On the basis of the written test and interview, 4 students were selected for ICSSR fellowship, while 2 were selected for M& EA fellowship, one was given the RBI fellowship.

Organising Ph.D Course Work

The Ph.D. course was organised with the follow-up of evaluation process (through term papers). Based on the feed back from the faculty and the students on the course work provided to students of the previous year, the faculty committee especially the course coordinators devised a calendar of course schedule with details of lectures, duration and modules for each lectures. This year the course work included other than theme based lectures, a series of lectures on research methods, research tools and computer skill development. The committee was also involved in co-ordinating student seminars and in the tutoring of English language.

Mentoring Committee for each selected Ph.D student was created with three faculty members (with atleast one recognized doctoral supervisor with the Madras University) in each committee. The committee members either individually or collectively met the students to offer help in identifying the research topic, in writing the research proposal and in writing the term paper. Some of the committee members were actively involved in suggesting reading lists, going through student's write-ups and in offering suggestions for improvement etc. The members were also involved in evaluating student performance in terms of their seminar presentation, term paper write-ups and regularity in attending classes and other seminars. The committee also ensured that students write short reports on seminar presentations and workshops held in MIDS.

Despite the ongoing collective lecture programme, the Ph.D course work still has to go a long way. It may take another year or two to get the Ph.D course work more meaningfully structured. Some of the chronic problems that the institute confronts with regard to the Ph.D programme are the following:

Lack of hostel facility has been one of the main constraints confronted by the institute because

of which the institute is not in a position to attract good and motivated students

The fellowship offered by the ICSSR has been relatively lower compared to what is offered by the UGC. This again is a limiting factor in attracting brighter students

The institute continued to aid the Ph.D students with the English language coaching classes. Indeed almost all those who attended the English coaching classes have seemingly benefited enormously. A total of 78 lectures were given as part of this course.

Broad Areas of Faculty Research during the Academic Year 2007-08

The faculty members have demonstrated through research output their continued interest in development issues concerning the state and the country. Although many have shown their research interest in contemporary / applied socio-economic problems, a few have contributed to the theoretical understanding of socio-economic processes. It may be seen from the work reports the diverse research interest of the faculty members of the institute. Some of the key areas of faculty research are caste and gender, social movements and social transformations, poverty, well being and deprivation, reservation and social mobilization, trade facilitation and WTO negotiations, female migration, water and water governance, natural resource management such as forests, climate change and adaptation, ICT and social change, subaltern studies in the Tamil context, the growing link between film fan clubs and politics etc. In the following paragraphs an attempt has been made to give a synoptic view of the individual faculty research during the year 2007-08.

Poverty and Deprivation

S. Subramanian's focus area continues to be poverty (and measurement of poverty), inequality and deprivation which he has abundantly demonstrated by extensive publication as articles in edited books and journals. He has analyzed the decennial statistics on wealth distribution in India published by RBI-NSSO from 1961-62 to 2002-03. Apart from bringing out the most critical issue of growing inequality in Indian societies, he underlines the centrality of land and real estate in the wealth composition of people. He has also discussed in one of his articles intricate issues relating to measurement of income poverty. In this context, he argues, 'conceptually sound identification procedures could be hard to implement, while conceptually dubious procedures are misleading'.

Human Development

S. Subramanian's other interests include issues relating to measurement of literacy. His paper 'Externality and literacy – A note' is a case in point. Further, in one of his co-authored articles (with D. Jayaraj), he explores the most critical hypothesis that the phenomenon of child labour is understandable due to compelling reasons of poverty at home.

D. Jayaraj has been engaging in focused research on issues relating to falling sex-ratio, child labour, infant mortality rates and broadly issues concerning deprivation. In his article 'Generalized deprivation and infant mortality in rural India', which has been published as a chapter in a book, he examines the crucial link between poverty and infant mortality in India. He makes out a case, for improving basic infrastructural facilities such as drinking water, public transport, health care clean fuel etc. which might have a positive impact on reducing infant mortality rates. As indicated elsewhere, he has also been working on issues pertaining to child labour. He explored the hypothesis that the poverty has a direct association with the high incidence of child labour.

K. Nagaraj focused his research on agrarian distress and farmers' suicide deaths reported widely across different parts of the country. Factors contributing to female migration (based on NSSO data) is another area in which he has been concentrating on. He has delivered a series of 13 lectures on deprivation at the Asian College of Journalism, Chennai.

Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Development

One of the key areas of interest in which a few of the faculty members have shown continued interest are natural resource management such as forests, surface and groundwater governance, economic valuation of water, environmental implications of development, climate change and adaptation and issues concerning coastal eco-systems.

Ajit Menon continued his interest in the political economy of natural resource management with special reference to forests and agrarian landscapes. Diversity of rural forests in Central Western Ghats, collective action for natural resource management in the Western Ghats are some of the thrust areas of his research. He has also delivered a series of lectures organized by different institutions. Political ecology, environmental policy and environmental politics, on equity in water management, the rights of fishing communities are some of the themes of his lectures.

L. Venkatachalam's research pertains to the non-market valuation of environmental costs and benefits in environmental decision making. He argues that although economic valuation could guide decision-making regarding environmental resource allocation in developing countries, lack of appropriate theoretical framework used in valuation studies generate unreliable and invalid results that could lead to distorted policy outcomes. This is based upon an interesting paper titled, *Theories of failure, failure of theories and non-market valuation: A survey*. He is also into an interesting research relating to the role of water quality in influencing household behaviour in the context of peri-urban areas.

K. Sivasubramanian in his research has emphasized the importance of conjunctive use of surface and groundwater irrigation in the particular context of declining water resource potential in the country. He argues that conjunctive use could be adopted as an important water governance measure in order to enhance productivity as well as to bring more area under irrigation.

S. Janakarajan has concentrated on studying impacts of climate change, disaster risk reduction and the need for adaptation in the particular context of Coastal Tamilnadu. The coastal Tamilnadu, is subject to the extreme events of climate change such as cyclones, coastal floods, seawater rise and the consequent salinity of soil and groundwater. This has severely affected coastal agriculture and coastal eco-systems contributing to serious threats to livelihood options. Therefore, shift from land based activities to non-land based activities have been suggested as the key adaptation measure with a view to overcoming threats to livelihoods and poverty. He has also been showing considerable interest in groundwater governance. One of the key ideas emerging from his research is the need for a rethink on traditional water bodies such as tanks not only to secure water for irrigation but also to provide adequate and much needed recharge to groundwater.

Karen Coelho has been engaging in research related to privatization of public utilities in the particular context of water in the Chennai metropolitan area. In her forthcoming paper she outlines the structure, patterns and implications of neo-liberal water reforms undertaken by the Chennai Metro-water Board. She brings out the most critical issue of emptying of the groundwater resources available in the Chennai peri-urban areas by the state agency through institutionalizing tradable water rights.

Women's Studies

The gender concerns and more specifically women's studies have been one of the primary focus areas of the institute for the past several years. Faculty contribution in this area of research has reflected in publication of journal articles, books, book reviews, projects, lectures delivered and so on.

S. Anandhi continued to focus her research in women's studies. The publication of article titled,

Women's question in the Dravidian Movement (1925-1948) is a case in point.

Padmini Swaminathan also continues her interest in the women's studies. Some of her interests in this area of research centered on methodological issues, working conditions of women and women and health. The latest article titled, *Macro economic methodologies, approaches and policies: why gender matter?*, published as a chapter in a book touches upon certain critical methodological issues. Mainstreaming gender and engendering development, which has been apparently a part of feminist and development discourse, has been studied by her in the particular context of Ranga Reddy district of AP. She has demonstrated through this study how 'concretely incorporated aspects have the potential to mainstream gender as well as engender development'. She has also been quite active in delivering lectures on diverse themes broadly relating to Women's studies.

International Trade Negotiations and WTO

Moana Bhagabati, who is currently on deputation as faculty in the National Institute of Administrative Research (NIAR), Mussoorie, has kept herself busy in research relating to trade facilitation and WTO. She has also presented papers and delivered lectures on the themes Indo-US free trade, role of FDI in the Indian economy, globalization and multilateral economic systems. In the NIAR, she is expected to take classes on issues relating to international economic relations.

Industry, ICT and Employment

Information and communication technology and social change has been one of the key areas of research pursued by M.Vijayabaskar. He has brought out a jointly edited book and a couple of articles on this theme. His research on ICT, critically examines the limitations of the dominant technocratic perspective to address socio-economic problems, poverty and inequality. In one of his papers, he also examines the serious problems associated with the IT-based outsourcing industry which is considered as one of the growth inducers of the economy. He has also delivered several lectures on the themes related to technology, labour and employment.

Governance, Institutions, Social Mobilization and Social Justice

P. Radhakrishnan continued to focus his research on the broad theme of backwardness and social justice and contributed significantly to the existing knowledge base through publication of journal articles and presentation of papers in workshops and conferences both in India and abroad. He has made a presentation on 'Understanding Cults in Modern India' in an *international symposium on Cultic Studies* organized by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences at Shenzhen, China. Besides, he has published a number of newspaper articles on various themes during this period.

Ganesh Prasad, who is currently on deputation to ANS –State Institute for Rural Development at Mysore, continued to concentrate on decentralized governance, Panchayat finances and rural development. He had spent considerable time in editing the papers presented at the Development Convention -2007 for the institute's journal – Review of Development and Change.

Kripa Ananthpur also contributed to the understanding of local institutions in particular caste Panchayats and customary village councils which according to her are losing their relevance after the advent of the formal Panchayat Raj institutions. 'Dynamics of Local governance in Karanataka', the paper she contributed to an edited book, highlights the contradictions, conflicts and positive aspects of interactions between two sets of institutions.

Ananta Kumar Giri has engaged in a range of publications dealing with issues which includes human rights violations in contemporary India and self-development and social transformations. He continues his work on new horizons of social theory, human development and social mobilization with a focus on cosmopolitanism, practical spirituality and new initiatives in education. He has visited several universities in

Europe and India – delivering lectures, organizing workshops on themes of cosmopolitanism and carrying out fieldwork.

C. Lakshmanan is engaged in issues relating to association between film and politics and Dalits and Dravidian politics in the particular context of Tamilnadu. He has focused on critical areas of research such as reservation policy, caste and gender. He organized a national seminar in the institute on the theme, 'Interrogating dalit studies in India: Towards a critical theory'. He is in the process of editing the papers presented in this seminar for a book.

Social and Cultural History of Tamilnadu

A.R.Venkatachalapathy has continued his multi-dimensional and bilingual exploration of the social and cultural history of Tamilnadu. A significant contribution during the year was his recovery of the uncollected and unknown writings of Subramania Bharati, the great Tamil nationalist poet, from the pages of The Hindu. This work has been published as a book (in Tamil titled, *Bharati Karuvoolam*) with critical notes and historical introduction. He also completed a research project on the Indo-Danish cultural encounter with special reference to print. He has been instrumental in bringing out the institute's Tamil publications. This year saw the publication of S. Neelakantan's (former Director, MIDS) book *Oru Nagaramum Oru Gramamum*, jointly published by MIDS and Kalachuvadu.

Publications by Ph.D Scholars

Chandra Sekhara Bahinipati has been active in attending workshops and writing papers for publication. His presentation on climate change and vulnerability analysis is worth mentioning. K. Kalpana who is just about to submit her Ph.D thesis has published a paper on 'The vulnerability of self-help: women and micro finance in South India', published by IDS Sussex (UK) as a working paper.

Other Institutional Activities of the Faculty

Several members of the faculty have been contributing to the institutional governance process. Most important of such institutional activities are Ph.D Coordination Committee, Editorial Committee of the institute's journal Review of Development and Change, Committee to look into the Service Rules of the institute and Seminar Committee. There are also other Committees which are constituted from time to time by the Director for a specific purpose. The faculty members of the institute during this year have been engaging in various externally funded research projects.

Tamil Publications of the Institute

The institute has been bringing out publications in Tamil since 2003 with a view to reaching out to the sections of the people who are more comfortable reading in Tamil. Following the publication of *Avala Nilaiyil Tamilaga Arugal* (ed. by S. Janakarajan) in 2003, the Tamil translation of Thomas R. Trautmann's Languages and Nations: The Dravidian Proof in Colonial Madras (Berkeley: Univ. of California Press, 2006) was published as *Dravida Chandru* in 2007. This academic year saw the publication of S. Neelakantan's *Oru Nagaramum Oru Gramamum* which writes in graphic detail the social and economic changes that have taken place in the Karur region (in Tamilnadu) in the last half century or so. Based on the working papers earlier written and published by MIDS, the author, the former director of MIDS, has enlarged and rewritten the book in Tamil. He has used an innovative approach by combining various methods of data collection such as participant observation, oral history and ethnographic notes. This book was also launched in a well attended function in the institute. Two leading Tamil writers, A. Sivasubramanian and Perumal Murugan introduced the book. MIDS' Tamil publication programme has been carried out successfully in collaboration with Kalachuvadu Pathippagam, a leading Tamil publishing house.

Development Convention Book

The articles received for the Development Convention 2007 were subsequently revised based on the recommendations of the Discussants. Anthem Press, London, expressed interest in publishing the volume and the contract between MIDS and Anthem Press has been signed on September 6, 2007. The edited articles have been sent to them on March 1, 2008. Since all the revised articles could not be accommodated in the book, those which did not find place in the book were published in the *Review of Development and Change*, December, 2007.

Public Viva Voce Examination

The public viva voce examination of Mr. M. Velusamy, whose Ph.D. thesis on "Indian Constitution and Dalit Welfare: A Study in Tamil Nadu, 1950-2005" approved by the examiners, was held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 2008 at MIDS where M. Velusamy was a full time Ph.D. scholar. Dr. L. Thara Bhai, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, and Coordinator DRS-SAP-UGC, Madurai Kamaraj University, was the external examiner conducting the viva voce examination. Professor P. Radhakrishan was the supervisor and convener of the viva voce examination.

Personnel

It should be mentioned that following the decision of the Governing Council, Mrs. Seetha has been appointed as Librarian with effect from November 5, 2007; Mr. R. Murugan has been appointed as Technical Assistant with effect from December 5, 2007; Mr. R. Senthil has been confirmed as IT Assistant with effect from May 12, 2008; and Mr. A. Arivazhagan has been confirmed as Documentation Assistant with effect from October 1, 2007.

Institute's Journal, *Review of Development and Change*

Committed to critically examining diverse aspects of the changes taking place in our society, *Review of Development and Change* (RDC) is a refereed journal published twice in a year. RDC aims to encourage scholarship that perceives problems of development and social change in depth, documents them with care, interprets them with rigour and communicates the findings in an accessible way to readers from different backgrounds. Now RDC is in its thirteenth year ofpublication.

IT Infastructure

The IT infrastructure in MIDS consists of state-of-the-art computing facilities with latest hardware, software and supporting equipments. The computing wing is involved in planning and implementing the required IT needs of the Institute.

Presently the Institute has around 70 personal computers which include four notebook computers; network laser printers; laser printers; scanners; LCD Projector; and other windows based operating systems [windows 98, NT, XP] and application software. The following are the major services of the computer centre.

Web Server & Mail Server: A linux based web server and mail server is configured in the Institute and is hosted in the campus. The Institute has configured 128 kbps [1:1] leased line connectivity from VSNL for providing round the clock Internet facility to its members.

Network: MIDS has configured a structured Ethernet based Local Area Network (LAN) catering to about 100 users in the Institute with the required network accessories.

Library Information System: Linux based library server is configured in the Computer Centre. LIBSYS software is used for Library automation.

Faculty: Upgradation of Services: The Institute has provided personal computers and laser printers to faculty members. The Institute provided the latest HP Pentium Dual Core Computers to every faculty member of the Institute. These computers are connected with local area network to facilitate e-

mail and internet access round the clock.

Students' Bay: The Institute has provided separate computer facilities for research scholars and with this two students are sharing a personal computer. These computers are equipped with: a) CD-Writing facility; b) connected with local area network; c) e-mail facility and d) shared printing facility.

Computer Room: 10 Pentium computers with shared printing facility is installed in the computer room and is meant for Internet use of students and project staff.

Other Services

1. PCs have been provided to administration, Accounts, library and publications sections.
2. Round the clock Internet access to the faculty members, students and other members of the Institute.
3. E-mail services for faculty, students and non academic section heads with web based and POP3 access.
4. Network printing facility for the members of the Institute.

Online access to journals [JSTOR and foreign journals subscribed by the library] and database [Indiastat.com] via the Institute's public gateway.

Library

The MIDS Library has become almost the single important source for academic research in social sciences in Tamil Nadu. Over the years, despite constraints of space and at times, financial resources, the Library has managed to acquire and stock books, journals, government reports, covering almost all disciplines of the social sciences. Recognising the services provided by the Library to research scholars from across the country and abroad, the Ford Foundation enabled on-line access to journals for a five-year period through the JSTOR data archives. This facility provides access to almost 600 journals. Combined with state-of-the-art computer infrastructure, faculty members can now access these journals from their respective offices. Besides, enough PCs have been provided in the Reading room of the library to enable non-MIDS scholars to access the on-line journals..

Between July 2007-June 2008 the library added 636 titles including bound volume of journals.

Proposed Academic Activities for the Year 2008-09

- Research Scholars' Workshop
- IDRM Research Methodology Workshop
- Visiting Professorship
- Founders' day lecture by Prof. Partha Chatterjee, CSS, Kolkata.
- Gijubhai Badheka Memorial Lecture sponsored by NCERT, New Delhi.

Faculty Publications
July 2007 - June 2008

Books

Author/ Editor	Title	Publisher
Ananta Kumar Giri	Self-Development and Social Transformations? The Vision and Practice of the Self-Study Mobilization of Swadhyaya. Jaipur & Lanham, MD	Rawat and Lexington Books 2008
	Kristen Kold: A Revolutionary in Education and Pioneer of the Danish Folk High School Movement. (Translated the book from Oriya originally written by Chitta Ranjan Das)	Shipra Delhi 2007
	The Modern Prince and the Modern Sage: Transforming Power and Freedom (editor)	Sage New Delhi
A.R. Venkatachalapathy	Bharati Karuvoolam: 'Hindu' Nalithalil Bharathiyin Eluthukkal (uncollected writings of Subramania Bharati in the *Hindu*)	Kalachuvadu Pathippagam, Nagercoil, 2008
M. Vijayabaskar	ICTs and Indian Social Change: Diffusion, Poverty, Governance (ed.)	Sage, New Delhi, London, 2008

Contribution to Books

Author/ Editor	Title	Publisher
Anandhi S.	Women's Question in the Dravidian Movement c.1925-1948, *Women and Social Reform in Modern India, A Reader*, Volume : II, (ed.) Sumit Sarkar and Tanika Sarkar	Permanent Black 2007
Ananta Kumar Giri	Nurturing Spaces of Emptiness and Striving from Fullness to a Different Fullness, *Negotiations of Borders: Theology for a Global Era*, (ed.) G Patrick	Delhi: ISPCK 2008
	Moral Consciousness and Communicative Action: From Discourse Ethics to Spiritual Transformation, Anand Dasgupta	Ashgate 2007
G.S. Ganesh Prasad	Reaffirming State Support – Turning Crisis into Confidence?, *Transformation, Transition or Stagnation? : Understanding Change in a Globalizing Economy*	MIDS, Chennai 2007
S. Janakarajan	Challenges and Prospects for Adaptation: Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction in Coastal Tamilnadu, *Working with the Winds of Change*, (ed.)Marcus Moench and Ajaya Dixit	ProVention Consortium and ISET (Nepal), 2007
	Catalyzing Adaptation to Disaster Risks and Climate Change: The Shared Learning Process (jointly with Sara Ahmed *et al*), *Working with the Winds of Change*, Marcus Moench and Ajaya Dixit	ProVention Consortium and ISET (Nepal), 2007
	Multi-stakeholders' dialogue as an approach towards sustainable use of groundwater : Some experiences in the Palar river basin, South India, *Governance of Water: Institutional Alternatives and Political Economy*, (ed.) Vishwa Bhallabh	Sage, 2008
	Need to Modernize the Tradition: Changing Role of Tanks in Response to Scarcity and Variability, *Groundwater Management and Policies*, K.Palanisamy, C.Ramasamy and Cheiko Umetsu	Macmillan, 2008
D. Jayaraj	Generalised Deprivation and Infant Mortality in Rural India, *Poverty, Nutrition and Mortality: A Comparative Perspective*, K Navaneetham, A.Dharmalingam and G. Caselli	Committee for International Cooperation in National Research in Demography, Paris 2008

Kripa Ananthpur	'Dynamics of Local Governance in Karnataka', *Development in Karnataka: Challenges of Governance, Equity and Empowerment*, (ed.) Gopal K. Kadekodi, Ravi Kanbur and Vijayendra Rao.	Academic Foundation, New Delhi, January 2008
C. Lakshmanan	Film Stars' Fan Clubs and Politics of Tamil Nadu, *Short on Democracy: issues Facing Indian, Political Parties*, (ed.) Arvind Sivaramakrishnan	Imprint One, Gurgaon 2007
K. Sivasubramaniyan	Sustainable Development of Small Water Bodies in Tamil Nadu, *Environment and Sustainable Development* (Volume II), Dr. K. A. Rasure, Dept. of Economics, Karnataka	Serials Publications, New Delhi November 2007
A.R.Venkatachalapathy	Subaltern Studies in the Tamil Context: Some Reflections, *Sources: Construction & Reconstruction of South Indian History*, (ed.) N. Rajendran	The Indian Council of Historical Research, Bangalore, 2008
M. Vijayabaskar (co-authored)	ICTs and Indian Social Change: An Agenda of Concerns, *ICTs and Indian Social Change: Diffusion, Poverty, Governance*, (eds.) Saith. A, M. Vijayabaskar and V. Gayathri	Sage, 2008
	Constructing Work and Identity in the Indian Outsourced ITES Sector, *ICTs and Indian Social Change: Diffusion, Poverty, Governance*, (eds.) Saith. A, M. Vijayabaskar and V. Gayathri	Sage, 2008

Book Reviews

Reviewer	Title of the Book	Author / Editor	Name of Publication
Anandhi S.	Indian Feminisms : Law, Patriarchies and Violence in India	Geetanjali Gangoli	Oxfam International *Journal of Gender and Development* , Vol. 16, No.1, March 2008
G.S. Ganesh Prasad	Perspectives on Polavaram	Biksham Gujja, S. Ramakrishna, Vinod Goud and Shivaramakrishna	*The Hindu* July 24, 2007
Padmini Swaminathan	Life and Words: Violence and the Descent into the Ordinary	Veena Das, OUP, 2006	*The Book Review* (South Asia Special) Volume XXXI, No. 10, October 2007, p 65
	Women, Politics and Power – A Global Perspective	Pamela Paxton and Melanie M. Hughes/ Pine Forge Press, USA, 2007	*The Hindu*, October 30, 2007
	Patriarchy	V. Geetha, STREE, Kolkatta	*The Hindu*, January 2, 2008
	Reservations for Women	Meera Dhanda [edited], Women Unlimited [An Associate of Kali for Women], New Delhi, 2008	*The Hindu*, April 22, 2008
	At the Cutting Edge: Essays in Honour of Kumari Jayawardena	Neloufer de Mel and Selvy Thiruchandran (eds.) Women Unlimited: An Associate of Kali for Women, New Delhi, 2007	*The Hindu*, May 20, 2008
A.R. Venkata chalapathy	Wit and Humour in Colonial North India	Mushirul Hasan	*The Hindu*, 16 October 2007
M. Vijayabaskar	Report On Conditions Of Work And Promotion Of Livelihoods In The Unorganised Sector	Arjun K. Sengupta, National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector, Government of India	*The Hindu*, 6 May 2008

Monographs, Articles in Journals, Magazines, Newspapers and Websites

Author	Title	Journal / Magazine / Newspaper / Website
Ajit Menon (co-authored)	Common Property Resources in Different Agro-climatic Landscapes in India	*Current Conservation*, No.1, Vol.1, July 2007
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S. Anandhi	Caste Patriarchy and Dravidian Politics: Women Demand Power	*Sunday Indian*-Pongal Special Issue, 14 January 2008
Ananta Kumar Giri	Sociology and the Limits of Loyalty	*The Eastern Anthropologist* 2007
	Rights Violations in India: Theory, Practice and Beyond	*Man & Development* 2007
	Writing a column, "Samlapa: Eka o Aneka" (Dialogue one and many)	*Pragativadi*, Bhubaneswar
	Jibanara Chatra (Student of Life)	*Anupama Bharata*, Bhubaneswar, Orissa May 31, 08
G.S. Ganesh Prasad	Centralised Initiatives and Decentralised Responsibilities – A study of selected Indian States	Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, 2007
	Gram Panchayat People's Plan for Raichur District	Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development, Mysore 2007
	Situating the State in Rural India	*The Hindu* January 30, 2008
D. Jayaraj (with S.Subramanian)	Out of School and (Probably) in Work: Child Labour and Capability Deprivation in India	*Journal of South Asian Development*, Vol.2, No.2, 2007
C. Lakshmanan	Dalits and Dravidian Politics in Tamil Nadu *Samakalika Malayalam Vaarika*, Annual Spl. Issue in Malayam	May 2008
(Co-authored)	Report of Seminar: 'Perspective on Counter Hegemonic Cultures,' *Dalit Bulletin*, VAK, Mumbai	August 2007

K. Nagaraj	Farmers' Suicides in India: Magnitudes, Trends and Spatial Patterns	*Macro Scan* March 3, 2008
Padmini Swaminathan	Precarious Existence and Deteriorating Work Conditions for Women in India: Implications for Health	*New Solutions*: A Journal of Environmental and Occupational Health Policy, Volume 17, Number 1 - 2, 2007
(Co-authored)	Mainstreaming Gender, Engendering Development: Reflections on a Case Study	*Economic and Political Weekly* [Review of Women's Studies] Volume XLIII, No. 17, April 26 May 2, 2008
	Are Subsidies getting out of Hand?, Contribution to Tuesday Debate	*Economic Times* April 29, 2008
P. Radhakrishnan	Muslim Backwardness and Sachar Report	*South Asian Journal*, Vol. No. 19, January-March 2008
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	85 and still scripting	*The New Indian Express* (leader page), 4 June 2008
	The Physician is cause not cure	*The New Indian Express* (The Op Ed page), 23 May 2008
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	Crossing the Sethu Rubicon	*The New Indian Express* (leader page), 26 September 2007
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K. Sivasubramaniyan	Parambikulam-Aliyar Project Past and Present	*Dams, Rivers & People* Vol 6, Issue 1-2, Jan-March 2008
	Makkalum Malaineerum! (People and Rainwater)	*Dinamani* – Edit Page 3 January 2008
S. Subramanian (with D Jayaraj)	'Out of School and (Probably) In Work: Child Labour and Capability Deprivation in India'	*Journal of South Asian Development*, 2:2, 2007
L. Venkatachalam	Theories of Failure, Failure of Theories and Non-market Valuation: A Survey	*International Journal of Ecological Economics and Statistics*, Vol.11 (S08), 2008

	How viable is public transport?	*The Economic Times* (Editorial Page) 20 June, 2008
A.R.Venkatachalapathy	Interview	*Ananda Vikatan*, July 2007
	'G.U. Pope Tamil Manavara?'	Kumudam, 28 Nov. 2007
	'Tongue-Tied: Anti-Hindi Agitation, 1965'	*India Today*, 31 December 2007
	(trans) A.K. Chettiar, 'I Meet Subhas Babu'	*The Oracle*, XXX (1), January 2008
	Interview	*Puthiya Puthagam Pesuthu* January 2008
	'C.N. Annadurai: Letter and Spirit'	*India Today*, 21 April 2008
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M. Vijayabaskar (co-authored)	The Many Messages of Sivaji	*Economic and Political Weekly* Vol. 42, No. 44, November 03 -09, 2007
	Goes against the spirit of Equality	*Financial Express* 21 January 2008
	Political prospects of unjust growth limited	*Financial Express* 2 June 2008
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Abstracts of Publication

Ajit Menon

Reconfiguring the Coast, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 43 (16)

An enormous amount of funds (government, multilateral and non-government) flowed into the coastal areas hit by the tsunami of December 2004. But what has been the quality of rehabilitation and what lives do the survivors – the fishers – lead? A case study of one village in Tirunelveli district in Tamil Nadu yields disturbing findings about government intervention, NGO activities and the reconfiguring of the coast in the name of development that has marginalized fishers and promoted industrial and tourism activity.

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Ananta Kumar Giri

Sociology and the Limits of Loyalty, *The Eastern Anthropologist*

Debates and discussions in an intellectual field help us to come to terms with our existing condition and work towards its needed transformation. Debates and discussions have been very much part of traditions of sociological reflections in India. In the 1950s there was a debate about the "book view" and "field view" of studying Indian society in which the works of M.N. Srinivas and Louis Dumont were discussed. A recent debate has arisen on the need for Indian social sciences to overcome their entrenched parochial fixations and be simultaneously interested in fieldwork at home and the world. The article begins with this and discusses the need for Indian social sciences to overcome their parochial fixation and simultaneously work with India and the world. This calls for overcoming the limits of loyalty such as uncritical loyalty to nation-state and cultivate a relationship of gratitude to both one's country and the world.

Rights Violations in India: Theory, Practice and Beyond, *Man & Development*

Exploring human rights violations in contemporary India presents us complex and contradictory pictures. On the one hand, fundamental human rights are enshrined in Indian Constitution which is itself a product of long anti-colonial struggle for realization of freedom and dignity as well as struggle for liberty, equality and justice in the modern world. India is the largest constitutional democracy in the world and over the last fifty years constitution of India has itself been a mobilizing text in giving inspiration to many social and political movements such as Dalit movements (movement for the emancipation of the low-caste) for concrete realization of rights. In the last quarter century, various human rights movements and groups have come up which fight for the protection of human rights. Groups such as People Union of Democratic Rights (PUDR) and People Union of Civil Liberates (PUCL) have been active for about last quarter century. The Government of India has also instituted a National Human Rights Commission a decade ago. Many state Governments also have established state human rights commissions. Even the Indian Army says that it is sensitive to the issue of human rights violations. But despite all these constitutional guarantees and movements from many quarters, rights violation is a pervasive problem in Indian society and its victims are mainly poor, marginalized groups such as religious minorities and low caste Dalits, women, and people on frontier areas such as Jammu and Kashmir and the North East where there are political movements against the Indian State. Draconian laws exist which violate human rights in the name of national security. Even the national human rights commission is not

allowed to investigate "allegations of human rights violations by Indian defense forces" (Banerjee 2003: 424). As Upendra Baxi writes: "No normative constitutional theory, as I know addresses the hardware issues: the architecture of armed forces, security and police establishments, methods and means of organizing levels of delivery of violence" (Baxi 2002: 34). In this context, the present essay presents a glimpse of different dimensions of human rights violations in India.

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D. Jayaraj

Generalised Deprivation and Infant Mortality in Rural India

In this paper an attempt has been made to examine the relationship between poverty and infant mortality in rural India. In the process, a case has been advanced in favour of measuring deprivation in non-income dimensions, particularly in the sphere of access to infrasructural facilities. An index of 'generalised deprivation' of access to infrastructural facilities has been constructed. This index has been employed to explore the relationship between deprivation and infant mortality. The results show that the incidence of generalised deprivation has positive impact on infant mortality, which suggests that there is a case for improving access to basic infrastructural facilities such as drinking water provided by a tap, public transport, healthcare facilities, clean fuel, electricity for lighting, and 'pucca' road. Also, in this paper, an account of the magnitude and spatial variability in the incidence of generalised deprivation suffered by the rural population in India is provided. Such an account is expected to be of considerable use to planners and policy makers.

Out of School and (Probably) in Work: Child Labour and Capability Deprivation in India

This paper explores the hypothesis that the phenomenon of child labour is explicable in terms of poverty that compels a household to keep its children out of school and put them to work in the cause of the household's survival. In exploring the link between child labour and poverty in the Indian context, the paper advances the view that the nature of the connection is more readily apprehended if both the variables under study are defined more expansively and inclusively than is customarily the case. Specifically, the suggestion is that it may be realistic to include those children who are conventionally categorized as 'non-workers not attending school' within the count of child labourers. It is also suggested that poverty is meaningfully measured in terms of a multi-dimensional approach to the problem, wherein the aim is to assess generalized capability failure—arising from want of access to elementary infrastructural facilities and essential amenities—with respect to a number of basic human functionings. The core of the paper's argument is presented by means of a simple analytical model of child labour and deprivation, and the issues emerging from it are studied in the Indian context with the support of both primary and secondary data.

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Kirpa Ananthpur

Dynamics of Local Governance in Karnataka, in Gopal K. Kadekodi. Ravi Kanbur, and Vijayendra Rao (Eds)., *Development in Karnataka: Challenges of Governance, Equity and Empowerment*, Academic Foundation, 2008.

Informal local governance institutions such as caste panchayats, and customary village councils are often neglected in discussions about local government and are assumed to have

lost their relevance after the introduction of panchayati raj institutions. The author takes a close look at these institutions in Karnataka and finds that, in particular, CVCs have not been marginalised by the formal elected bodies. On the contrary, they continue to play an active role. There are also strong interactions between the two sets of institutions, and CVCs have an influence on village politics and grama panchayats with positive as well as negative elements.

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C. Lakshmanan

Film Stars' Fan Clubs and Politics of Tamil Nadu

This paper shows, how substantial areas of whole political discourse in the south are now conducted via commercial cinema, with several politicians making careers in film before entering politics, and then relying on the unswerving devotion of fan clubs, or requiring of their parties the devotion more commonly associated with movie stars' fan clubs. It rightly points out that the explicitly political use of film is not new. It traces the use from the cinema's part in the freedom struggle and reformist treatment of untouchability through the articulation of Dravidian/ anti-Brahmin themes to the point where actors realized the power of their fans as aids to the attainment of power.

Dalits and Dravidian Politics in Tamil Nadu

The paper argued that how in the Tamil Nadu, the explicit casteism in the political sphere of the state unfurl and reason with instances. The fallout of the election to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), and designating Dalit name to a state public transport, exposed the deep-rooted casteist mindset of the caste-Hindus, a euphemism for the dominant castes. Indeed, 1990s caste violence was an eye-opener to many who romanticize the Dravidian movement/politics. It is a fact that anit-Brahmin politic was/is not necessarily anti-caste politics. The reason being caste has been used for gaining political power, economic betterment and social status/ supremacy, whereby every caste looks for one below in the structure to exploit. The naked realities are exclusion of Dalits from the main body of society continues in many forums – physical, spiritual, material and cultural. It mentions the economic and material conditions, in which, cultural subordination is permeated by the dominant sections of the society. It argues that persistence of caste discrimination and strongly embedded prejudices are primarily due to the Dalits' dependence upon the dominant caste landlords for their livelihood.

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Padmini Swaminathan

Precarious Existence and Deteriorating Work Conditions for Women in India: Implications for Health, *New Solutions: A Journal of Environmental and Occupational Health Policy,* Volume 17, Number 1 - 2 / 2007 Pages: 57 - 69

The Indian economy has experienced economic growth post-1991 but has demonstrated an inability to generate adequate employment and even less of "quality" employment for much of its labor force. This article is based on data collected from conversations with women workers on the theme of "women, work and health," with an emphasis on, one, task allotment and working conditions in the household; and two, those related to conditions of work at the worksite and the gendered experience of such work. While narratives cannot establish causality between particular work environments and related adverse outcomes, they nevertheless provide crucial insights into what is likely to be blighting these women's lives. Advocates of

women's work outside their home need to pay attention to both their remuneration for work and the costs to their health and well-being of such employment, so that policies aimed at employment generation also are sensitive to the adverse outcomes of such employment.

Mainstreaming Gender, Engendering Development: Reflections on a Case Study, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLIII, No. 17, April 26-May 2, 2008, pp77-86

Mainstreaming gender and engendering development has now become a part of feminist and development discourse. This paper is a case study of the MV Foundation, which has implemented its programme of "Empowering Women through Collective Action" in the Ranga Reddy district of Andhra Pradesh. It shows how this foundation had consciously and concretely incorporated aspects that have the potential to mainstream gender as well as engender development. It also describes how the foundation identified the most marginalised among the rural population, apprised them of the existing rural and land-based programmes of the government and acted as a catalyst to source these programmes.

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K. Sivasubramaniyan

Irrigation Management and its Effect on Productivity under Parambikulam Aliyar Project in Tamil Nadu, IWMI TATA Water Policy Research Program ICRISAT, Patancheru, Hyderabad, April 2-4, 2008.

While at the national level, area under surface irrigation has been increasing, in Tamil Nadu it has been declining. There is an increased reliance on groundwater sources of irrigation. This highlights the need for improving quality and reliability of canal irrigation in order to increase net irrigated area and improve water productivity in agriculture. In surface irrigation systems, where scarcity in supply is experienced, conjunctive use of groundwater helps to achieve better yield. However, in large surface irrigation, which supplies water to dry crops – there is a need to assess the effect of conjunctive use in different segments of the command taking into account several other factors such as climatic conditions, local rainfall and sub surface geology. This is because not all parts of the command area get adequate supply, which in turn leads to poor recharge of wells. The paper looks at conjunctive use of irrigation management in the Parambikulam Aliyar Project in Tamil Nadu.

Parambikulam Aliyar Project Past and Present, Dams, Rivers & People, Vol 6, Issue 1-2, Jan-March 2008

This article presents the dynamics of irrigated agriculture in the command area under the Parambikulam Aliyar Project (PAP). Original PAP survey – to understand patterns of agriculture and water management and its outcome in terms of crop productivity – in 12 distributaries with 630 sample farmers located in 104 blocks was conducted in 1986-7. A resurvey in all the above distributaries with 686 farmers in 100 blocks were undertaken in 2006-7 with the same basic objectives to find out the changes that happened in the PAP command. The past two decades have witnessed a lot of developments in the PAP command as well as within the village society. The developments have been discussed in several heads in the article: Transformation of many villages into semi-towns; tremendous increase in the windmill power; dissemination of agricultural technology to farmers by TNAU; vanishing of paddy cultivation and widespread adoption of drip irrigation for coconut in the PAP command; development of wells, especially of bores since the early 1990s; increase in the overall command area but reduction in the quantum of supply provided per acre; introduction of alternate sluices irrigation system; changes in the zone (three to four) and supply pattern from 18 months to 24

months; formation of (150) village water users' associations throughout the PAP to manage irrigation supply and overall increase in crop intensity and productivity in normal spells. The other important result of the survey is that although farmers grow coconut in the command with the help of using both canal and bore well supplies, it could not be sustainable in the long droughts as happened in 2002 to 2004 resulting in withering of coconut groves wherever the water supplies becoming lean.

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Non-market valuation of environmental benefits and costs plays a crucial role in environmental decision-making both at the micro and at the macro-levels. The economic valuation of environmental services, though confronted with several issues, assumes paramount importance especially in developing countries where 'scarcity' of environmental resources due to degradation and scarcity of financial resources to arrest it, affect the welfare of a large number of resource dependent households. Although economic valuation can guide decision-making regarding environmental resource allocation in developing countries, lack of appropriate theoretical framework used in valuation studies - especially in an interdisciplinary context - do generate 'unreliable' and 'invalid' results that could possibly lead to distorted policy outcomes. This being the case, the present paper basically reviews three types of theoretical developments embedded in economics, which can provide appropriate frameworks to value changes in economic welfare due to changes in environmental resource base. The review suggests that the non-market valuation should be treated as 'derived demand' from any of these theoretical frameworks in order to initiate appropriate environmental policy measures in the relevant areas.

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ICTs and Indian Social Change: An Agenda of Concerns

This paper reviews the range of issues raised by the rise of new information and communication technologies and the implications for socio-economic change. In doing so, we highlight the limitations of the dominant technocratic perspective that informs initiatives by state and non-state actors to deploy the new technologies to redress socio-economic problems like poverty, inequalities and lack of access to critical resources. Further, we argue that this emphasis on technological solutions and the assumption of neutrality of technologies, apart from depoliticizing the process of social change, is also likely to create new disparities or aggravate existing ones. Finally, based on a survey of papers in the volume, we reiterate the importance of social relations in conditioning outcomes of technology diffusion, but taking on board the role played by characteristics of specific technologies as well.

Constructing Work and Identity in the Indian Outsourced ITES Sector

This paper addresses important questions on the nature of work and employment generated by new kinds of services in low income economies, often seen as a growth pole in these countries. This is done through a study of work and employment in Indian IT enabled services.

The paper argues that the labour process in these sectors merely replicates tendencies like feminisation and deskilling associated with several other sectors. Further, it aggravates labour market inequalities by privileging skills that are accessible only by elite households. Importantly, though the nature of work is typically seen as women's work, it tends to be recoded as 'masculine' by male workers, highlighting the fluid constructions of genderedness of work. Also, I point out how the realm of control over work moves from outside the worker to within herself through emphasis on customer satisfaction and developing right attitudes.

The Many Messages of Sivaji

This paper reflects on a number of developments in the contemporary politics and political economy of Tamil Nadu as they relate to the politics of Tamil identity. We use the recently released Tamil film Sivaji: The Boss as a basis for these reflections. We argue that the film is of significant interest as a text offering insights into a range of issues of political and economic significance. There are important ideological inconsistencies between the messages carried by the film, but its richness as a text commands our attention. The paper connects Sivaji to the populist political style favoured by dominant political formations in Tamil Nadu. The paper also considers how the film favours a neo-liberal vision of development. Finally, the paper draws together the significance of these themes for contemporary understandings of Tamilness.

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Faculty Participation in Academic Activities
July 2007 - June 2008

Papers presented at Seminars / Conferences / Workshops

Name	Title of Paper/Conference	Sponsoring Institution / Place	Date / Month / Year
Ajit Menon	Diversity of Rural Forests in Central Western Ghats, India (co-authored), *Small-scale Rural Forest Use and Management: Global Policies vs. Local Knowledge*	IUFRO – The Global Network for Forest Science Cooperation, Gerardmer, France	23-27 June 2008
	Collective Action for Natural Resources Management in the Western Ghats: Case Study of Chennayanakote, Kodagu District (co-authored), Small-scale Rural Forest Use and Management: Global Policies vs. Local Knowledge	IUFRO – The Global Network for Forest Science Cooperation, Gerardmer, France	23-27 June 2008
S. Anandhi	The Manifesto and the Modern self: Reading the Autobiography of Muthulakshmi Reddy	MIDS Seminar Series, MIDS	5 March 2008
Ananta Kumar Giri	Creative Solutions to Global Problems	Leading a workshop at University of Manchester with Dr. Wendy Olsen	31 July 2007
	Cosmopolitanism and Beyond	Blaise Pascal Institute, Vrije University, Amsterdam	31 August 2007
	Cosmopolitanism	Co-organizing a workshop, Indian Business Academy, Greater Noida	26 October 2007
	Global Justice and the Calling of Peace	A Dialogue with Des Gasper on Development Ethics, Institute of Social Research, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok	6 December 2007
	Beyond Globalization: Anthropology and the Calling of Cosmopolitanism	Golden Jubilee Seminar of Utkal University	16-18 December 2007
	Cosmopolitanism and Education	Danish Pedagogical University	21 January 2008
	New Challenges before Education	The Fee Teacher's Training College, Ollerup, Denmark	24 January 2008

	Cosmopolitanism and Beyond	Institute of Sociology, University of Freiburg	11-12 February 2008
	Cosmopolitanism and Beyond: New Challenges Before Anthropological Imagination	Institute of Ethnography and Anthropology, Aarhus University, Denmark	12 March 2008
	The Calling of Practical Spirituality: New Challenges for Theory and Practice	Institute of Cultural Sociology, University of Leipzig	17 March 2008
	New Horizons of Human Development: Art, Spirituality and Social Transformations	Workshop on "New Horizons of Human Development", MIDS, Chennai	28-29 March 2008
	The Calling of Practical Spirituality: Transformations in Science and Religion and New Reflections on Self, Transcendence and Society	Philosophy of Suaraj and Samvada: A Seminar in Honor of Daya Krishna and Ramachandra Gandhi, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla	28-30 April 2008
G.S. Ganesh Prasad	Panchayat Finances in Tamilnadu	Workshop on Financial Devolution to Panchayats, CWS, Hyderabad, Pondicherry	20-21 January 2008
	Research tools for Social Sciences	Workshop on Baseline survey, ANS, SIRD, Mysore	28 September 2007
S. Janakarajan	Dimensions of drinking water problems in TN coastal areas jointly with Geeta Lakshmi, Crisis in Drinking Water in Coastal Regions in India	Centre For Development Alternatives, Ahmedabad	8-10 August 2007
	Rethinking on Policy: Can Stake-holders' Dialogue Contribute to Conflict Resolution and Sustainable Use of Water Resources?, Stockholm World Water Week (Session on: water, politics and development)	ZEF, University of Bonn, Germany, Stockholm, Sweden	8-14 August 2007
	Climate change. vulnerability and disaster risk reduction in coastal Tamilnadu, Climate change and adaptation in South Asia	IDRC and NOAA Kathmandu, Nepal	11-14 September 2007

	Urban and peri-urban water conflicts - the case of Chennai, International seminar on Water: Spatial Dynamics, Competitive Claims & Governance - How to Reduce Stress on Resource in Urban, Peri-Urban & Rural areas	French Institute, Pondicherry and Pondicherry Univeristy, Pondicherry	30 November 1 December 2007
	Urban water stress, water conflicts and livelihood resilience in the peri-urban areas of Chennai city, Cities, social lives and poverty: Issues of infrastructure, governance and citizenship	Dept. of Sociology, University of Pune Pune	26-27, Feb 2008
D. Jayaraj	Factors Contributing to the Declining Trend in Sex-Differentials in Mortality in India: An Exploratory Analysis, Population and Development	Centre for Population Studies, University of Madras, Chennai	21 October 2007
Karen Coelho	Neighborhood Associations and Social Accountability, Annual Meetings of the Center for the Future State	IDS, Sussex Brighton, UK	24-26 June 2008
C. Lakshmanan	"Understanding the Societies through the Lens of Novels in Tamil Literature", 'Perspective on Counter Hegemonic Cultures,'	Vikas Adhyayan Kendra, Mumbai and Dalit Intellectual Collective, New Delhi, Kerala	6-8 July 2007
Moana Bhagabati	"Introducing the Indo-EU Free Trade Area", Brainstorming Workshop on Indo-EU FTA	CENTAD, New Delhi	20-21 August 2007
	Role of FDI in Indian Economy, Foreign Capital in India	UGC/ Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli	27 February 2008
K. Nagaraj	Female Migration in Tamil Nadu: Some Preliminary Findings from the NSS Data, Female Migration in India	CWDS, Delhi IIC, Delhi	19-20 September 2007
Padmini Swaminathan	Decent Technology for Decent Work: Social Upgrading through Politico-Legal Intervention: An On-going Experiment in Tamil Nadu, Global Production Networks and Decent Work: Recent experience in India and Global Trends	ILO-ICSSR, IHD-ISEC, ISEC, Bangalore	18-20 November 2007

	When Development Excludes and/or leads to Violence: Where does that leave our 'Engendering Development' Agenda?	Indian Association for Women's Studies, Lucknow	7-10 February 2008
P. Radhakrishnan	Land reforms in Tamil Nadu (in absentia), Revisiting Land Reforms	Achutha Menon Foundation, Thiruvananthapuram	24-26 April 2008
	Globalisation and Social Exclusion, Globalisation and the Management of Vulnerabilities	ISEC, Bangalore	26-27 March 2008
	Liberalisation, Politics, and Religious Polarisation, Structural Transformation and developmental politics in post-liberalisation India	India International Centre Council for Social Development, Delhi	24-25 January 2008
	Understanding Cults in Modern India, International Symposium on Cultic Studies	Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Shenzhen	6-8 December 2007
	Reorienting the Reservation Policy: Lessons from the past and from Tamil Nadu, Reorienting the Reservation Policy	IIPA Delhi	11-12 July 2007
K. Sivasubramaniyan	Parambikulam -Aliyar Project (PAP) Past and Present, PAP Irrigation Workshop	PWD – Water Resources Organisation- Pollachi Dn., Office of the Chief Engineer, Coimbatore	20 September 2007
	Integrated Development of Sustainable Agriculture Farming Practices, Workshop for Institutional Monitors and NGOs on Monitoring/ Evaluation and Project Planning, Formulation and Dissemination of Rural Technology of CAPART Programmes	Shri AMM Murugappa Chettiar Research Centre, Hotel GRT Regency, Kanchipuram	2 November 2007
	Irrigation Management and its Effect on Productivity under Parambikulam Aliyar Project in Tamil Nadu, Managing Water in the Face of Growing Scarcity, Inequity and Declining Returns: Exploring Fresh Approaches	IWMI-TATA Water Policy Research Program, ICRISAT, Patancheru, Hyderabad	2-4 April 2008

	Current Development in Land and Water Management in Tamil Nadu, Training Workshop on Integrated Soil and Water Management in Rainfed Farming Systems	MSSRF – JRD Ecotechnology Centre MSSRF, Chennai	21 May 2008
S. Subramanian	Reckoning Inter-Group Poverty Differentials in the Measurement of Aggregate Poverty, Conference on Equity and Efficiency in Institutions	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	February 2007
	The Well-Being Implications of a Change in the Sex Ratio of a Population	WIDER Weekly Seminar WIDER, Helsinki, Finland	April 2007
L. Venkatachalam	Assessing the Economic Value of Watershed Services: A Review of Methodologies and Findings, Improved Methodologies for Impact Evaluation of Watershed	CARDS, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore	13 August 2007
	Emerging Paradigms in Assessing the Linkage Between Environment and Human Wellbeing, Interdisciplinary Research Methodology Workshop	Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai	18 February 2008
	Institutional Reforms in Urban Water Sector: Lessons Learned and the Way-Forward', UGC-SAP sponsored Seminar on Social Sector Development in Tamil Nadu: Trend and Prospects	Department of Economics, University of Madras, Chennai	31 March 2008
	Market-Based Instruments for Water Allocation in India: Issues and the Way-forward', 7th Annual Partners' Meet on Managing Water in the Face of Growing Scarcity, Inequality and Declining Returns: Exploring Fresh Approaches	International Water Management Institute, Hyderabad	2-4 April 2008
A.R.Venkata chalapathy	'Critical Editions of Bharati's Works', Bharati 125: International Seminar	Pondicherry University, Pondicherry	22 September 2007
	'Early Chennai Imprints', Chennai Week	Roja Muthiah Research Library, Chennai	15 August 2007
	'Independent Publishing in India', Golden Jubilee Seminar	National Book Trust of India, New Delhi	4 October 2007

	'Dravida Iyakka Sinthanai Marabu', Chennai Sangamam	Tamil Maiyam, Chennai	17 January 2008
	'Writing Cultural History', Department of History Seminar Series	Mangalore University, Mangalore	12 February 2008
	'The Making of Tamil Identity'	Department of History, University of Calcutta	March 2008
	'Cuisine and Culture'	Department of History, University of Calcutta	March 2008
	'Modernity and Tamil Poetry: Subramania'	Department of English, Delhi University	March 2008
	'Tradition, Talent, Translation'	Department of English, Delhi University	March 2008
	'Not by Bread Alone: Notes towards a History of Food in India', Doing History Beyond the Discipline: Rajan Gurukkal Felicitation Seminar	School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University	May 2008
M. Vijayabaskar	Neighbourhood Associations as Collective Actors for Social Accountability: Inferences from Bangalore, Annual Meeting of Centre for the Future State, IDS, Sussex	Centre for the Future State, IDS, Sussex, UK	26 June 2008
(co-presented)	Locating Tamilness in a connected economy: Sivaji: The Boss, 58th Annual Conference of the UK Political Studies Assocation	University of Swansea, U.K.	1-3 April 2008
	Politics of SEZs and Land Acquistion in Tamil Nadu, The Politics of SEZs in India	Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH), N. Delhi and India International Centre, N. Delhi	4 April 2008
(co-presented)	Locating Tamilness in a connected economy: Sivaji: The Boss, SASIN workshop	University of Sheffield, U.K.	16 November 2007

Participation in Seminars / Conferences / Workshops

Name	Nature of Participation	Name of Seminar/ Conference / Workshop / Place	Date / Month / Year
Ajit Menon	Lecture	"From Political Economy to Political Ecology", Approaching the Environment in India: Theories and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Society Interface, Nordic Centre, India	13 August 2007
	Lecture	"Environmental Politics in India", Approaching the Environment in India: Theories and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Society Interface, Nordic Centre, India	14 August 2007
	Lecture	"Issues of Equity in Water Management: Conceptual and Practical Concerns", SAWA Fellow Programme of Crossing Boundaries Project, SaciWATERS, TISS and SOPPECOM, Mumbai	5 September 2007
	Lecture (3)	"Normative Concerns in Issues of Environment and Development", 3rd Short-term course on Environment and Development CISED	13 September 2007
	Lecture	"Conceptualizing Equity in the Context of Water Management", Staff Training Programme for 'Water and Equity Course', SOPPECOM and SaciWATERS, Pune	7 October 2007
	Lecture	"Fishing Communities and the Sea: Insights from Debates around the Commons", Indo-Dutch Course on 'Coastal Zone Development: Human Factor', University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands and Anna University, Chennai	6 February 2008
	Lecture	"Forest Policies in India: Changing Economic", Social and Environmental Priorities, CNRS, Toulouse, France	30 June 2008
Anandhi S.	Resource Person	Aspects of Caste and Gender in Contemporary Tamilnadu, Indo- Dutch Course on Marine Resource Management, University of Amsterdam and Institute of Ocean Management, Anna University, Chennai	7 February 2008
	Resource Person	The Future of Dalit Feminism, Asian Rural Women's Conference, Asian Rural Women's Association, Malaysia, Arakonam.	7 March 2008

	Participant	International Women's Day Special Lecture, Caste and Gender : Contemporary Challenges, International Women's Day Celebration of IIT, Madras Women's Forum, Madras	11 March 2008
Ananta Kumar Giri	Lecture	Pathways of Creative Research, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University	5 December 2007
	Organiser	Workshop on "Cosmopolitanism", Indian Business Academy, Bangalore	14 December 2007
G.S. Ganesh Prasad	Discussant	Workshop on Backward Region Grant Fund, Government of India, Mysore	September 2007
	Resource Person	Workshop on BRGF Baseline survey, Government of India, Mysore	13 November 2007
S. Janakarajan	Keynote Speaker	Global warming, Climate change and its impact in South Asia, Meeting of the Association Indian Broadcast Service engineers of southern zone (DD and AIR) Doordharshan Kendra, Chennai,	22 July 2007
	Invited Speaker	Delivery of urban services in India: Critical issues of governance, Dept. of Science and Technology-Tamilnadu Science Forum – Tamilnadu Science Forum, Chennai,	29 July 2007
	Panelist	Panel discussion, One-day Consultative, Workshop on draft Second Master Plan for Chennai, CAG, Chennai	6 July 2007
	Resource person	Panel discussion, Towards Resolution of Water Conflicts in India, SOPPECOM Pune	31 July 2007
	Organiser and panelist	Indo-US Nuke Deal: Technical facts and Political realities – Panel discussion, Indo-US Nuke Deal: Technical facts and Political realities, MIDS, Chennai	11 September 2007
	Panelist	Agrarian distress and institutions, Annual Economics Symposium, The Department of Economics, Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Chennai	17 September 2007
	Resource person	Consultation on Interlinking of rivers in India, International Water Management Institute, New Delhi,	8-10 October 2007

	Co-organiser and Panelist	National Level Shared Learning Dialogue workshop, Adaptation to Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate & Weather Information, climate products, Systems and Policies in India, WINROCK International, New Delhi and IDRC, Delhi, Hotel Qutab, New Delhi,	31 October 2007
	Five Lectures	Water and politics, institutions, tragedy of commons and Climate chnage, MIDS – lecture as a part of the course work for Ph.D students, MIDS, Chennai	November 2007
	Advisor	STRIVER: Strategy and methodology for improved IWRM, An integrated interdisciplinary assessment in 4 twinning river basins, Hanoi, Vietnam	22-25 January 2008
	Lecture	Globalization and Environmental issues , To a group of sponsored undergraduate students from Furman, University, Greenville, S. C. 29613, U.S.A., Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Chennai	15 February 2008
	Organiser and Panelist	Union Budget 2008-2009, MIDS, Chennai	10 March 2008
	Resource person	Panel discussion, Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India, SOPPECOM, Pune	30 March 30 2008
	Faculty Opponent	Conducted public viva-voce examination: Public Viva-voce examiner, for the thesis Author: Jenny Grönwalls, Title of the thesis: Access to water rights, obligations and the Bangalore situation, Dept. of Water and Environmental Studies Linköping University, Sweden, Linkoping, Sweden	4 June 2008
	Advisor	Project Advisory Committee meeting, Crossing Boundaries project, SaciWATERs, Hyderabad, Kathmandu, Nepal	29-30 June 2008
D. Jayaraj	Lecture	"Development and Sex Ratio", Lectures for Under Graduate Students from Furman University, Furman University, South Carolina, U. S. A, and Dept. of Economics, Madras Christian College	16 February 2008

	Lecture	Three Lectures on Issues Related to Population and Development, Course Work for Ph.D Scholars, MIDS	February 2008
Karen Coelho	Resource Person	Qualitative and Ethnographic Methods, Research Methodologies Workshop, MIDS, Chennai	December 2007
	Resource Person	Links between Research and Policy Making in Urban Studies, Consultation on Urban Studies, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore	September 2007
	Lecturer	Series of 3 lectures on History of Development Studies, Ph.D coursework, MIDS, Chennai	Jan 2008
	Lecturer	Lecture series (2 lectures) on Ethnographic Methods, Ph.D coursework, MIDS	Mar 2008
	Resource Person	Meeting of Transparency International, TN Chapter, Chennai	1 March 2008
Kripa Ananthpur	Lecture	The Changing Role of Traditional Leaders and institutions in the Context of Decentralization, South Asia Decentralization Series, SAR Multi-sectoral Decentralization Group, The World Bank, Washington D.C.	15 November 2008
C. Lakshmanan	Resource Person	Breaking the long Silence, Dalit Painting Workshop, VAK, Mumbai, and DIC, New Delhi, Kerala	8-12 November 2007
	Organiser	Three day National Seminar on Interrogating Dalit Studies in India: Towards a Critical Theory	10-12 December 2007
	Discussant	Caste in the Curriculum: Documentary Films as Pedagogical Tools, a National Workshop and Documentary Film Festival, Dept. of Sociology, University of Pune and Prakriti Foundation, Chennai, Pune	8-9 January 2008
	Discussant – on Dalit Reality	Vibgyor, International (documentary) Film Festival, Vibgyor Film Collective, Thrissur, Kerala	13-17 February 2008
	Resource Person	Concept Note: Converging the Creative and Normative, Three Day Regional Conference on Creative Writers' Meet cum Dalit Paintings Exhibition, DIC, New Delhi and VAK, Mumbai, Chennai	8-10 February 2008

Moana Bhagabati	Resource Person	Consultation on Indo-EU FTA, CENTAD, New Delhi	25-26 June 2007
	Lectures (24)	Comparative Development Experience, Dept of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli	July-December 2007
	Lecture	Globalization and Multilateral Economic System, UGC Refresher Course, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli	21 December 2007
	Resource Person	Gender positive Initiatives for releasing Leadership Skills among Women, Cauvery College, Tiruchirappalli	31 January 2008
	Lectures (15)	Contemporary International Economy, Dept of Economics, Bharathidasan University Tiruchirappalli	January - February 2008
	Lecture	WTO at the Crossroads? – Implications for India, Workshop: Scientist-Administrator Interface, CDM, LBSNAA, Mussoorie	18 April 2008
	Lecture	Globalization, Trade and Economic Security: Exploring the Linkages, Joint Civil-Military Workshop, LBSNAA, Mussoorie	28 May 2008
K. Nagaraj	Two lectures	a) The Agrarian Crisis in India b) Farmers' Suicides in India Research Methodology Workshop, Economics Department, Bharathidasan University, Trichy	29 November 2007
	Presentation of Survey Results	Asset holding of Farm Households in the 3 survey villages, Agrarian Relations in Andhra Pradesh, Foundation for Agrarian Studies, Kolkata, Hyderabad	12-13 December 2007
	Gave a presentation	Research Issues in Public Health in India, Issues in Public Health in India, Public Health Foundation of India, Delhi	3 March 2008
	Keynote Address	Social Sector Development in Tamilnadu: Trends & Prospects, Social Sector Developments in Tamilnadu, Madras University	4 April 2008
Padmini Swaminathan	Resource Person	General Education in Comparative Perspective: Legacies, Transformations, Innovations, *Ratan* Tata Trust, Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore	21-22 July 2007

	Resource Person	Mapping the Debates on Gender and Development, Department of Women's Studies, Pune University, Pune	13 October 2007
	Public Lecture	On Conditions of Work for Women in India: Reflections from a Gender Perspective", Department of Sociology, Pune University, Pune	12 October 2007
	Two lectures	Refresher Course in Women's Studies, for College and University Teachers, Centre for Women's Studies, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry	19 October 2007
	Speaker [on Gender]	Consultation on Engaged Social Sciences National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore	29-30 October 2007
	Keynote Address	Second National Bioethics Conference on Socio-economic Dimensions of Health Care Technologies, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics, NIMHANS, Bangalore	6-8 December 2007
	Two Lectures	Refresher Course for College Teachers on Contemporary Economic Policy Issues in India", Madras School of Economics, Chennai	13 December 2007
	Inaugural address	Forum For Theoretical and Applied Research in Social Sciences [FORTRESS] as part of Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of PSG College of Arts and Science, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore	14 December 2007
	Key Note address	National Conference on Human Development Reports: A Critique, State Planning Commission & Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Chennai	26 January 2008
	Two lectures (as part of the Father P Carty Endowment lectures, 2007-8)	(1) Delivering 'Development': Reflections on a Case Study (2) Interface between Employment and Education: A Comparative Perspective Department of Economics, University of Madras, Chennai	25 March 2008
	Panelist at the Southern Region Meeting	Challenges to Women's Empowerment Women Power Connect, New Delhi, Chennai	12 May 2008
P. Radhakrishnan	Valedictory Address	Social Science Research in India, Interdisciplinary approach to Social Science Research, Loyola College and Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, Chennai	8 March 2008

	Inaugural Address	Understanding the nature of social sciences, Sociology in Tamil Nadu: Institutions, Knowledge and Practice, UGC and Department of Sociology, Madras University, Chennai	19-20 February 2008
	Resource Person	US – India Scholarly Dialogue on Affirmative Action, Jointly sponsored by the Institute of Social Sciences, The African American Policy Forum, and The Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Delhi	29-30 September 2007
	Resource Person	Implementing Inclusivity - A National Consultation, FAEA and Lady Shri Ram College for Women, Delhi	14-15 September 2007
K. Sivasubramaniyan	Resource person	History of Voluntary Organizations: A case of Grama Suyaraj, Workshop for Institutional Monitors and NGOs on Monitoring/ Evaluation and Project Planning, Formulation and Dissemination of Rural Technology of CAPART Programmes, Shri AMM Murugappa Chettiar Research Centre, Hotel GRT Regency Kanchipuram	3 November 2007
L. Venkatachalam	Resource Person Lecture I: Lecture II: Lecture III:	 Environmental Economics and Ecological Economics: Differences in Analytical Paradigms Economic Valuation of Environmental Benefits and Costs The Contingent Valuation Method, NORDIC Course on Environmental and Resource Economics, ISEC, Bangalore	31 July – 1 August 2007
	Resource Person	Doing Microeconometrics: An Illustration from Household Survey Data, Seminar Arranged for M.Phil students from Lady doak College, Madurai, MIDS, Chennai	30 August 2007
	Guest Speaker	Public Private Partnership in Urban Water Sector in Developing Countries, Visiting Scholars' Seminar Series, Laboratory for Economics of Production and International Integration (LEPII),University Pierre Mendes France, Grenoble, France	5 October 2007
	Resource Person Lecture I:	 Issues in Environmental Policy;	3 December 2007

Lecture II:	Policy Issues in Public-Private Partnership in Urban Water Sector, UGC Refresher Course, Madras School of Economics, Chennai	3 December 2007
Resource Person	Economic Assessment of Environmental Damage: An Interdisciplinary Approach, Ph.D Scholars Workshop, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai	5 December 2007
Resource Person	Environment and Development: An Historical Perspective, National Symposium on the Trends and Themes in History, Department of History, University of Pune, Pune	12 December 2007
Guest Speaker	Environment in Economic Thought, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Economics, Pope's College, Tuticorin	26 February 2008
Guest Speaker	Social Benefit – Cost Analysis: The Methodological Issues, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Economics, Adithanar Collge, Tiruchendur	26 February 2008
Resource Person	Environmental Problems: An Economist's Perspective, Inter-collegiate Seminar on 'Environmental Issues', Department of Economics, Ayya Nadar Janakiammal College, Sivakasi	27 February 2008
Guest Speaker Lecture I: Lecture II:	Changing Behavior of the Economic Man; Economic Imperialism, Guest Lecture Series Department of Economics, Periyar University, Salem	28 February 2008
Guest Speaker	How to Use Economic Tools for Analysing Environmental Issues? Guest Lecture Series, Department of Economics, Annamalai University	7 March, 2008
Keynote Speaker	Estimating the Economic Loss of Ecosystem Services: A Macroeconomic Approach, National Seminar on Environmental Challenges of 21st Century, Department of Economics, Periyar University, Salem	27 March, 2008

	Guest Speaker	Economic Valuation of Environmental Damage Caused by Industrial Pollution in Agriculture Sector, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Economics, Gobi Arts College, Gobichettipalayam	18 March, 2008
	Guest Speaker	Addressing water scarcity: An Economic Approach, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Economics, Arulanandar Collge, Madurai	11 April, 2008
A.R.Venkata Chalapathy	Lecture	History of the Dravidian Movement, Key Issues in Contemporary India, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai	August 2007
	Chair & Discussant	Reviewing Theatre History: Disciplinary Agendas, Cultural Arenas, Institutions in South and South-East Asia, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi	22-24 January 2008
	Resource Person	Regional Language Resources and Translation, Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore	20 February 2008
M. Vijayabaskar	Discussant	Global Production Networks And Decent Work: Recent Experience in India and Global Trends, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), International Institute of Labour Studies (IILS), and Institute for Human Development (IHD), Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore	18-20 November 2007
	Lecture	ICTs and Social Development: Theory and Evidence, Electrical Engineering Dept., Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.	28 February 2008
	1 Lecture	Marxist Political Economy, Ph. D Programme Coursework, MIDS	23 November 2007
	4 lectures	Technology, Labour and Development, Ph. D Programme Coursework, MIDS	12-15 February 2008

Other Academic Activities

Name	Nature of Academic Activity	Duration
Ajit Menon	Member, Editorial Committee, Review of Development and Change	
Anandhi S.	Coordinator, Ph.D. Programme, MIDS	
G. S. Ganesh Prasad	Convener, Committee on Modification of MIDS Service Rules	
	Guest Editor, *Review of Development and Change*	Vol XII No. 1 July-December 2007
S. Janakarajan	Member of the Project Advisory Committee of the Crossing Boundaries project of SaciWATERS, funded by the Netherlands Government through Wageningen University	
	Member of the Core Group SaciWATERs, Hyderabad	
	Vice President of the Governing Board of SaciWATERs, Hyderabad	
	Member of the Doctoral Advisory Committee for a	
	Ph.D student at the Dept of Media Sciences, Anna University	
	Member of the Doctoral Advisory Committee for a Ph.D student at the Dept of Humanities, IIT, Chennai	
	Member of the Board of Studies, IGNOU, Delhi	
	Member of the High-level Expert Committee of the proposed High Speed Transportation Corridor for Chennai, Tamilnadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Ltd.	
D. Jayaraj	Refereed a paper for *Economic and Political Weekly*	
	Refereed a paper for Contemporary Ideas and Issues in the Social Sciences.	
Karen Coelho	Member of Ph.D committee	
	Coursework coordinator for Ph.D students	
	Member of Editorial Committee, *Review of Development & Change*	
	Served on Academic Committee – 2007-8	
Kripa Ananthpur	Coordinator of the Ph.D. committee	2006-08
	Coordinator the India portion of a cross country comparative research study on informal local governance institutions and state capacity funded by the Centre for Future State, Institute of Development Studies, UK	

	Co-supervisor, Ms. Geetha Bangari who is working on 'Formal and Customary Panchayats in Karnataka – A study of interactions and implications to local governance' based at Karnatak University, Dharwad, Karnataka	
C. Lakshmanan	Visiting Faculty/ Fellow of ASIHSS programme at the Department of English, University of Hyderabad	28 February to 9 March 2007
Moana Bhagabati	Visiting Faculty, Dept of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchillapalli	
K. Nagaraj	Member, Ph.D. Coordination Committee	
	Member, Research Group on Land Reforms, Government of Kerala	
	Gave 13 lectures on "Covering Deprivation", Asian College of Journalism, Chennai	
Padmini Swaminathan	Examined Two Ph.D dissertations, one for JNU, Delhi and the other for Pune University	
	Examined one MPhil Dissertation for JNU, Delhi	
	Member, State Statistical Committee, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	
	Member, Expert Committee set up by High Court of Madras to Clean the Noyyal River	
	Member, Research Institutes Committee, ICSSR	
	Board of Research Studies, University of Madras	
	Member of Committee of Group of Feminist Economists for the 11th Five Year Plan constituted by Planning Commission, New Delhi	
	Editorial Board, Journal of Entrepreneurship	
	Advisory Board, Gender, Technology and Development	
P. Radhakrishnan	Participated in the selection of faculty for a national institute in Maharashtra.	
	Participated in the selection of faculty for a state university in Tamil Nadu.	
	Evaluated a PhD thesis for a state university in Karnataka.	
	Member, Board of Research Studies (Arts), University of Madras	
	Member, Board of Studies in Sociology in a few other institutions in Tamil Nadu	

K. Sivasubramaniyan	Coordinator, MIDS Monthly Seminar Series	Since 2001
	Member, Committee on Project Evaluation, Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP): GOTN and GOI.	
	As an external examiner, conducted the Ph D "Public Viva Voce Examination" at the Department of Economics, University of Madras.	19-03-2008
S. Subramanian	Refereed a paper for the *Journal of Health Economics*.	
	Associate Editor of the *Journal of Human Development*	
L. Venkatachalam	Coordinated the Interdisciplinary Research Methodology Workshop at MIDS	18 and 19 February 2008
	Academic Council Member, Arulanandar College (Autonomous), Madurai	July 2007 – June 2009
	Member, Ph.D Committee at MIDS	2008-2009
	Visiting Faculty at Madras School of Economics and delivered 27 lectures to the PG students	III Semester 2007
	Visited Fondation Maison des Science de l'homme, Paris France under the Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme	3 September to 12 October 2007
	Delivered Eight Lectures to the MIDS Ph.D student as Part of Ph.D Course Work during	November – December, 2007
	Reviewed three papers for Water Policy Journal	
	Reviewed two papers for Ecological Economics Journal	
	Reviewed a paper for International Journal of Ecological Economics and Statistics	
	Reviewed a paper for Review of Development and Change	
	Reviewed Six papers and synthesized them at the Session on 'Impact of Markets and Regulations on Irrigated Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods, 7th Annual Partners' Meet, IWMI-TATA Programme, Hyderabad	4 April 2008
	External Examiner, Ph.D Viva-Voce, Department of	
	Economics, Madurai Kamaraj Univerisity, Madurai	5 November 2007
	External Examiner, Ph.D Viva-Voce, Department of Economics, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar	7 March 2008
	External Examiner, Ph.D Viva-Voce, Department of Economics, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar	19 June 2008
	Resource Person for Environmental Economics at the Research Workshop conducted by MEA Trust at Madras School of Economics, Chennai	29 November 2008

	Gave a Radio Interview on 'Environmental Challenges Faced by India' (Tamil), Sivandhi FM, Tuticorin,	27 February 2008
A.R. Venkata chalapathy	Member, Ph.D. Coordination Committee	2006-08
	S.Neelakantan, *Oru Nagaramum Oru Gramamum* (Tamil translation)	
	Member, Book Selection Committee, Directorate of Public Libraries, Government of Tamilnadu	2006-07
	Ethics Committee, Fetal Care Research Foundation, Chennai	2006-07
	Conducted Viva-voce examination of Denis Fernandez, 'The Tulu World in European Writings', Department of History, Mangalore University	12 February 2008
M. Vijayabaskar	Member, Ph.D. Programme Coordination Committee	
	Member, Ph.D. Coursework Committee	
	Coordinator, Research Methodology Workshop	
	Completed a position paper on 'Ensuring Decent Work in Micro and Small Firm Clusters in India', commissioned by the National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector, Govt of India.	
	External Examiner for 2 M. Phil Dissertations, JNU.	
	External Examiner for a Ph. D Thesis, Delhi University.	
	Refereed a book manuscript for Routledge, India.	

Research Projects

(i) Completed Projects

K. Sivasubramaniyan

- Management of Irrigation and Its Effect on Productivity under Parambikulam Aliyar Project – A Resurvey, funded by ICSSR-MIDS.

(ii) Ongoing Projects

Ajit Menon

- POPULAR – Rural Management and Politics of Trees and Forests (Western Ghats), Funded by Agence National de Recherche (France).

Ananta Kumar Giri

- A School for the Subject, Funded by ICSSR

G.S. Ganesh Prasad

- State Development Report of Pondicherry, Funded by Union Planning Commission, New Delhi

Karen Coelho

- Neighborhood Associations as Collective Actors: A Comparative Study of Chennai and Bangalore, Funded by The Center for the Future State, IDS, Sussex, UK.

Kripa Ananthpur

- Informal Local Governance Institutions, State and Public Action, funded by Centre for Future State, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, UK.
- Studying the extent to which people's participation can enhance governance outcomes and improve local governance performances in 200 villages in Karnataka, funded by The World Bank

S. Janakarajan

- From conflict to cooperation: Complementing urban and peri-urban interests – A GIS based analysis Fund saved from the DFID project (NEGOWAT) undertaken during the period 2001-2004 (likely to be funded by the State Planning Commission, GOTN)
- Adaptation and Livelihood Resilience: IDRC and GEF (through UNDP)

K. Nagaraj

- Resurvey of Slater Villages, Funded by Simon Fraser University, Canada

A. R. Venkatachalapathy

- The Indo-Danish Cultural Encounter with Special Reference to Print in the Eighteenth Century, funded by The Tranquebar Initiative of the National Museum of Denmark.

M. Vijayabaskar and **Karen Coelho**

- Neighbourhood Associations As Urban Collective Actors: A Comparative Study of Bangalore and Chennai, funded by Centre for the Future State, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, UK.

Seminars by Faculty and Students

Topic	Presented by	Date
Structural Changes – A Case of Silk Weaving in Arani	N. A. Arivukkarasi Research Scholar, MIDS	30-10-2007
Agricultural Transformation in Tamil Nadu	Anbu Packiaraj Research Scholar, MIDS	30-10-2007
Vulnerability to Climate Change in India: A Case Study of Analysis of the Coastal Districts of Orissa	Chandra Sekhar Bahinipati Research Scholar, MIDS	31-10-2007
Education and Labour Market in Kerala's Changing Development Narrative	Sajin Philip Research Scholar, MIDS	31-10-2007
Adapting capability approach to understand the life experiences of the poor in Kerala	Ann George Research Scholar, MIDS	6-11-2007
Pain, Politics and Persistence: All for a Plot of Land	Rajakishor Mahana Research Scholar, MIDS	23-11-2007
The Manifesto and The Modern Self: A Reading of Autobiographical Manifesto of Muthulakshmi Reddy	S. Anandhi Associate Professor, MIDS	05-03-2008
Land Prices, Land Use and Economic Development	Nirmal Roy Research Scholar, MIDS	29-04-2008
Impact of Futures Trading in Price Setting on Agricultural commodities	Sumalatha Research Scholar, MIDS	29-04-2008
Contribution and Controversy of Special Economic Zones	Bhavana Research Scholar, MIDS	29-04-2008
A Study on Capacity Building and Sustainable Irrigation Water Management: State Initiatives and Farmers Responses	Nancy J Anabel Research Scholar, MIDS	29-04-2008
Social Exclusion, Gender and Poverty: A Study of Western/Southern Orissa	Manjushree Panda Research Scholar, MIDS	30-04-2008
Economic Valuation of Environmental Impact on health - Theoretical and Methodological issues	Chandrasekaran Research Scholar, MIDS	30-04-2008
Growing urban stress and delivery of urban services	Vanathy Research Scholar, MIDS	30-04-2008

Seminars by Visiting Scholars

Topic	Presented by	Date
Towards 'Behavioral' Foundation For Environmental Policy	Kavi Kumar Professor Madras School of Economics	29-08-2007
Colonial Law and Cultural Mixture in South India: Abraham V. Abraham (1863)	Chandra Mallampalli Associate Professor of History Westmont College, USA	18-09-2007
Film on 'India Untouched' Directed by K. Stalin	V. R. Devika Cultural critique, freelance writer and member of Prakriti Foundation	20-09-2007
"Understanding Caste and Gender Subordination in Rural Tamil Nadu" Discussion based on Tamil Novel – *Sedal* by Imayam	Discussants: Prof. Kadampari, Ethiraj College Dr. R. Mallika, Ethiraj College Dr. Padmini, Queen Mary's College Dr. S. Anandhi, MIDS Mr. Imayam, Novelist	27-09-2007
Nigerian Federalism: Problems and Prospects	Daniel Bach ICSSR Visiting Professor, France	2-11-2007
Beyond Sociology: Structure, Agency, and Strategy among Tenants in India	Wendy Olsen Senior Lecturer in Socio-Economic Research Institute for Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester, U.K.	22-01-2008
Varana Jati and thought of Jotirao Phule	G.P. Deshpande Former Professor Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	29-02-2008
Contesting Diasporas: Theoretical and Experiential Reflections	R. Cheran Assistant Professor Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology University of Windsor, Canada	06-03-2008
Talk on Urban Governance & Film on Local Self Governance: Some Reflections (2007)	Lalitha Kamath Researcher Collabrative for Advancement of Studies in Urbanism Through Mixed Media Collabrative for Advancement of Studies in Urbanism Through Mixed Media	03-04-2008

Affiliates

Name & Institution	Topic	Guide
Ms. Helle Jorgensen Ph.D. Student, Institute of History and Area Studies, University of Aarthus, Denmark.	Tranquebar - whose History? Transnational cultural Heritage in a Former Danish Trading Colony in India	Prof. A. R. Venkatachalapathy
Ms. Annika Wetlesen Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo, Norway.	Implementation of labour standards: Experiences from the construction industry in Chennai, India	Dr. M. Vijayabaskar
Ms.Roos Gerritson CNWS, School of Asia, African and Amerindian Studies The Netherlands.	From Movie Star to Public Star: The Entanglement of Cinema and Politics in South India	Prof. A. R. Venkatachalapathy
Ms.Sudha Narayan Ph.D. Student, Department of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University, U.S.A.	Choosing Farmers: Selection and Screening Mechanisms in Contract Farming Systems in India	Prof. K. Nagaraj
Ms. Victoria Loblay 6/5, Imperial Ave, Bondi, NSW, Australia 2026.	Arresting Amnicentesis: The Impact of regulating pre-natal diagnostic technology in Tamil nadu, South India	Dr. S. Anandhi
Ms. Giulia Battaglia Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.	Media activism and documentary film making in south India	Prof. A. R. Venkatachalapathy

Doctoral Candidates

- **Anbu Packiaraj**, Agricultural Transformation in Tamilnadu, Guide : *Prof. **K. Nagaraj***
- **Ann George**, Issues on well-being: A study with reference to Kerala, Guide : *Prof. **Padmini Swaminathan***
- **M. Arivalagan**, Forests, Environmental Change and Tribal Communities in Colonial Tamilnadu, Guide : *Prof. **A. R. Venkatachalapathy***
- **N.A. Arivukkarai**, Structural Changes - A Case of Silk Weaving in Arani, Guide : *Prof. **K. Nagaraj***
- **J. Balasubramaniam**, Dalit and Tamil Print Media: A Historical Study, Guide : *Prof. **A.R. Venkatachalapathy***
- **A. Bhavana**, Special Economic Zones: Contributions and Controversies, Guide : *Dr. **G.S. Ganesh Prasad***
- **P. Chandrasekaran**, The Economic Valuation of Health Impact, Guide : *Dr. **L. Venkatachalam***
- **C.S. Chandra Sekhara Bahinipati**, Climate Change Environmental Implications and Adaptive Strategies, Guide : *Dr. **L. Venkatachalam***
- **V. Gandhiraj**, Tank Irrigation in Tamilnadu, Guide : *Dr. **K. Sivasubramaniyan***
- **Gayathri Balagopal**, Migration in Kerala : A Historical Project, Guide : *Prof. **K. Nagaraj***
- **K. Jayashree**, Enhancing Capability through Public Policy: A study with reference to working of Public Distribution System (PDS) in the state of Tamilnadu, Guide : *Prof. **Padmini Swaminathan***
- **Jerome Samraj C.**, The Question of Land to the Dalits: A Historical Perspective, Guide : *Dr. **M. Thangaraj***
- **K. Kalpana**, Rural Credit, Guide : *Prof. **K. Nagaraj***
- **S. Kumaran**, Public Expenditure in Tamilnadu with Special Reference to Social Sector Development, Guide: *Prof. **K. Nagaraj***
- **Mahendra Nayak**, Irrigation Institutions and Water Governance in Orissa, Guide : *Prof. **S. Janakarajan***
- **Manjushree Panda**, History of Development Discourse in Kalahandi, Guide : *Dr. **S. Anandhi***
- **R. Manivasagan**, Poverty and Nutrition in Tamil Nadu, Guide: *Prof. **D. Jayaraj***
- **V.P. Nirmal Roy**, Political Economy of Land Use and Price, Guide : *Dr. **M. Vijayabaskar***
- **R. Nithya**, Human Rights and Health in India, Guide : *Prof. **P. Radhakrishnan***
- **Rajakishor Mahana**, Bondo Highlanders at the Crossroad of Development and Change: A Critique and a Plea, Guide : *Dr. **Ananta Kumar Giri***
- **S. Revathi**, Practice of Ethno-medicine: A Study among Tribals in Tamilnadu, Guide : *Prof. **P. Radhakrishnan***

- **Sajin Philip**, Education and Labour Market in Kerala's Changing Development Narrative, Guide: *Dr. **M. Vijayabaskar***
- **B.S. Sumalatha**, Commodity Future Markets under the Globalization Regime, Guide : *Dr. **M. Vijayabaskar***
- **Sushanta Kumar Mahapatra**, Intricacies of Canal Irrigation Management and Water Governance in India: The Case of Hirakud Command Area, Orissa, Guide : *Prof. **S. Janakarajan***
- **S. Vanathy**, Growing Urban Stress, lack of Long Term Policy Perspectives and Fragmented Institutions, Guide : *Prof. **S. Janakarajan***
- **M. Velusamy**, Community Development and Dalit Welfare in Tamilnadu, Guide : *Prof. **P. Radhakrishnan***
- **T. V. Vijayan**, Education and Society in India, Guide : *Prof. **P. Radhakrishnan***

Academic Activities of Research Scholars

(a) Papers presented in Seminars / Conferences / Workshops

Name	Title of Paper	Sponsoring Institution	Month / Date / Year
Nirmal Roy V P	Portfolio Capital Flows into India: Exploring the Basic Motives	"44th Annual Conference of The Indian Econometric Society (TIES)" organised at the Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad	January 3 to 5, 2008
	Foreign Portfolio Capital Flows into India: An Exploration into its Openness and Basic Motives	"Tenth Annual Conference on Money and Finance in the Indian Economy" conducted by the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai.	January 18 to 19, 2008
	An Analysis of the Foreign Portfolio Flows in the Context of Capital Account Convertibility in India	UGC-SDA seminar on "Growth and Macro economic Issues" conducted by the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	January 31 to February 2, 2008
	'Understanding the Openness and Basic Motives of Foreign Portfolio flows into India'	Conference on "Macro economic Issues of India" on conducted by the 'Institute of Economic Growth' New Delhi	February 14 and 15, 2008
(Co-authored)	'Stock Brokering Branches and Urban Spaces: Exploring a new Phenomenon in Kerala'	Two day national seminar on "Understanding Development: An Interdisciplinary Perspective", conducted by the Post Graduate Department of Economics and Department of Statistics of the Government College, Kasaragod as part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the College and the Department	March 11 and 12, 2008
Rajakishor Mahana	Pain, politics and persistence: Generating an alternative social power	Madras Institute of Development Studies, Adyar, Chennai, 2007	October 23, 2007

Sumalatha B S	Stock Brokering Branches in Kerala Townships: A casual Link with Urbanization.	Sarai final Workshop for the research on City 'Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) at New Delhi'.	December 16, 2007
	Portfolio Capital Flows into India: Exploring the Basic Motives	"44th Annual Conference of The Indian Econometric Society (TIES)" organised at the Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad	January 3 to 5, 2008
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(b) Participation in Seminars / Conferences / Workshops

Name	Nature of Participation	Name of Seminar/ Conference / Workshop	Month / Date / Year
V.Gandhiraj	Participant	Seventh Annual Partners' Meet of the IWMI – Tata Water Policy Research Program (ITP), International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) Campus, Patancheru, Hyderabad.	April 02-04, 2008
	Participant	Training Workshop on Integrated Soil and Water Management in Rainfed Farming Systems, Organized by JRD Ecotechnology Centre, M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai.	May 21-22, 2008.
Rajakishor Mahana	Participant	Dissertation Workshop for Social Science Scholars on Social and Political Transformations in Contemporary India organized by Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi.	March 27-29, 2008
	Participant	Three weeks Summer Course on Philosophy for Social Sciences and Humanities organized by National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore.	June 2 – 20, 2008

Academic Activities of Non-Faculty Personnel

(a) Papers presented in Seminars / Conferences / Workshops

Name	Title of Paper	Sponsoring Institution	Date / Month / Year
V. Jacob John	Dynamics of Communication Paper and Valedictory address for National Symposium	Velammal Engineering College, Chennai	3 August 2007

(b) Participation in Seminars / Conferences / Workshops

Name	Nature of Participation	Name of Seminar/ Conference / Workshop	Date / Month / Year
V. Jacob John	Lecture	Professional Ethics for Engineers Madras Institute of Technology, Chennai	4 August 2007
	Lecture	Professional Ethics and Engineering Perspectives, SSN College of Engineering, Chennai	18 August 2007
	Lecture	Ethics of rights, duties and code of conduct for engineering profession, St. Joseph's College of Engineering, Chennai	29 August 2007
	Lecture	Theories of International Trade, Dept. of International Studies, Stella Mary's College, Chennai	1 September 2007
	Chair and Resource Person	FDI in retailing : The emerging trends AIMA, Loyola College	24 October 2007
	Chair and Resource Person	One Day Workshop on 'Recent Trends in HR Management Practices' Hotel Asiana, Chennai	11 November 2007
	Chair and Resource Person	Interactive session on 'India's Economic Development Strategies; Society and Culture; Gandhian Modern Economic Thought', for Students of Lund University, Sweden, Temple bay, Mamallapuram	15, 16, 17 January 2008
	Lecture	U.S. Recession and Global slow down, AIMA, Loyola College, Chennai	1 February 2008

Panelist	MNCs and India's Economic Development, Students Quality Club, Anna University	19 February 2008
Lecture	Stock markets, Investor Confidence and global recession, Dept. of Management Studies, Anna University, Chennai	19 March 2008
Lecture	The Union Budget and its Impact on Economy, AIMA, Loyola college, Chennai	22 March 2008
Lecture	The efficacy of monetary and fiscal policies, Dept. of Management Studies, Anna University Chennai	12 April 2008
Lecture	Indian Economic Planning: Strategies and Approaches, Dept. of Management Studies, Anna University, Chennai	3 May 2008
Lecture	The EXIM Policies and India's Growth in the External sector, Dept. of Management Studies, Anna University, Chennai	4 June 2008

(c) Other Academic Activities

Name	Nature of Academic Activity	Date / Month / Year
V. Jacob John	External Examiner and question paper Setter, Stella Mary's College, Chennai	2008
	External Examiner and question paper Setter, Engg. Ethics, ECE & Dept. of Management Studies Anna University, Chennai	2008
	Supervised and guided Ten M.B.A. Projects, Pondicherry University and Loyola College, Chennai	2008
	Member, Class Committee, Dept. of Management Studies, Anna University, Chennai	2008
	Member, Doctoral Committee, Dept. of Management Studies, Satyabama University, Chennai	2008
	Visiting Professor, PG Students of Master in Foreign Trade on Foreign Trade Policy and M.B.A. for International Business Management; M.B.A. in Human Resource Management; Twinning programme of Pondicherry University and Loyola College, Chennai	2008
	Guest Faculty, Department of Management Studies, Anna University, Chennai	2008

Financial Statement

Receipts and Payment A/c for the year ended 31st March 2008

RECEIPTS		Rs. P.
To Opening Balance: 01.04.2007		
Cash at Banks		
IOB SB 8322	Main	4599850.76
IOB CD 2524	Salary	94241.40
IOB SB 22109	Pay Arrears	363847.70
IOB SB 8425	Gratuity	2255.63
IOB SB 15539	Building	22069.61
Direct Incomes	Sch-I	22719261.00
Indirect Incomes/Other Receipts	Sch-II	4164950.90
TOTAL		**31966477.00**

PAYMENTS		Rs. P.
By Salary & Allowances	Sch-III	19809690.00
Library	Sch-IV	1045401.15
Research Programmes	Sch-V	650529.45
Computer - Maintenance	Sch-VI	299343.44
Research Publications	Sch-VII	202775.00
Printing & Stationery	Sch-VIII	116799.10
Postage, Telephone, Fax	Sch-IX	275573.48
Travelling Expenses	Sch-X	451320.75
Campus	Sch-XI	1948704.23
Vehicles - Maintenance	Sch-XII	150106.00
Contingency & Other Administration	Sch-XIII	3191343.09
Fixed Assets - Additions	Sch-XIV	284258.64
Other Deposits	Sch-XV	27700.00
Closing Balance : 31.03.2008		
Cash On Hand		130.00
Cash at Bank IOB SB 8322 (Main)		3096155.33
IOB CD 2524 (Salary)		242663.40
IOB SB 22109 (Pay Arrears)		149493.70
IOB SB 8425 (Gratuity)		2420.63
IOB SB 15539 (Building)		22069.61
TOTAL		**31966477.00**

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Place : Adyar, Chennai-20
Date : 31-07-2008

Sd/-
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Income and Expenditure A/c for the year ended 31st March 2008

Expenditure		Rs. P.	Income		Rs. P.
To			By		
Salary & Allowances	Sch-XVIII	14862719.00	Direct Incomes	Sch-XVI	21019261.00
Library	Sch-XIX	89631.00	Indirect Incomes/ Other Receipts	Sch-XVII	1748695.30
Research Programmes	Sch-XX	650529.45			
Computer - Maintenance	Sch-XXI	292154.44			
Research Publications	Sch-XXII	202775.00			
Printing & Stationery	Sch-XXIII	109753.85			
Postage, Telephone, Fax	Sch-XXIV	256406.22			
Travelling Expenses	Sch-XXV	446087.75			
Campus	Sch-XXVI	1948294.23			
Vehicles - Maintenance		135215.00			
Contingency & Other Administration	Sch-XXVIII	345488.69			
Excess of Income Over Expenditure (Notional)		3428901.67			
TOTAL		**22767956.30**	**TOTAL**		**22767956.30**

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Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2008

Previous Year	Liabilities	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
21947711.20	Accumulated Fund Sch-XXIX		25376612.87
19129236.41	Current Liabilities Sch-XXX		22509046.41
41076947.61	**TOTAL**		**47885659.28**

Previous Year	Assets	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
23273468.68	Fixed Assets (Sch-XXXI)		24429865.78
189755.55	Current Assets & Deposits (Sch-XXXII)		217455.55
6416278.28	Loans & Advances (Sch-XXXIII)		7098201.28
13180.00	Sundry Debtors (Sch-XXXIV)		2546616.00
	Receivables from T.N.Govt. for		
682000.00	Grant-Library (1999-2000)		682,000.00
750000.00	Grant-Library (2000-2001)		750,000.00
825000.00	Grant-Library (2001-2002)		825,000.00
	Maintenance-Grant		
430000.00	Grant-in-Aid (1998-1999) (Adhoc)		430000.00
1290000.00	Grant-in-Aid (2000-2001) (Recurring)		1290000.00
100000.00	Grant-in-Aid (2000-2001) (Adhoc)		100000.00
400000.00	Grant-in-Aid (2004-2005) (Adhoc)		400000.00
500000.00	Grant-in-Aid (2005-2006) (Adhoc)		500000.00
1100000.00	Grant-in-Aid (2006-2007) (Adhoc)		
	Grant-in-Aid (2007-2008) (Adhoc)		2520000.00
25000.00	Grant-in-Aid (2007-2008) (Adhoc)		2550000.00
	ICSSR (Reimbusement)		33588.00
	Cash in Hand		130.00
	Cash at Bank		
4599850.76	IOB SB 8322 (Main)		3096155.33
94241.40	IOB CD 2524 (Salary)		242663.40
363847.70	IOB SB 22109 (Pay Arrears)		149493.70
2255.63	IOB SB 8425 (Gratuity)		2420.63
22069.61	IOB SB 15539 (Building)		22069.61
41076947.61	**TOTAL**		**47885659.28**

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